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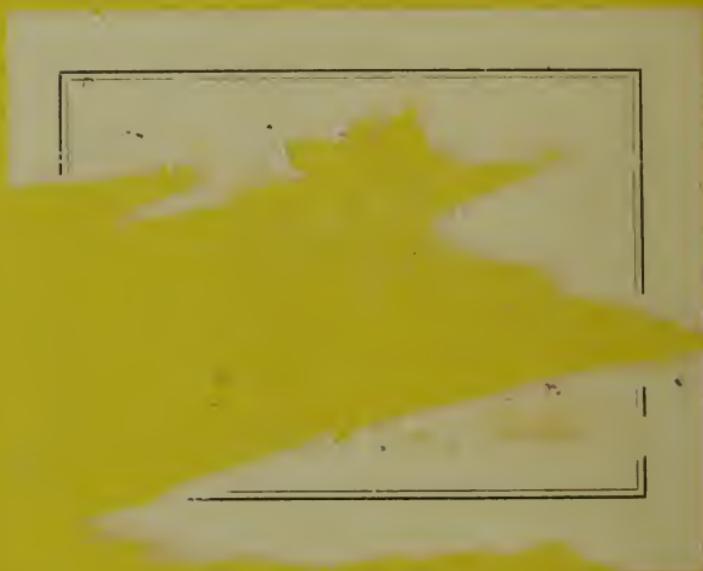


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THE
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE SYNOD
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

SESSION XXX.

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The Members of the last Meeting of Synod.

THE COMMISSION OF SYNOD

Meets at Kingston, on the First Wednesday in October, 1858, at Noon, and at Toronto, on the Third Wednesday in February, 1859, at Noon.

THE NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD

Will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa City, on the last Wednesday in May, 1859, at Eleven o'clock, A. M.

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1844.—REV. JOHN COOK, D.D.	

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MAY 26th, 1858.

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Meets on the First Wednesday in March, May, September, and December.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
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William Bell, M. A.....	Walter Paterson.....	<i>North Easthope. a</i>
John Robb	Duncan Campbell.....	<i>Chatham.</i>
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James Stuart	James Chambers.....	<i>Woodstock & Norwich c</i>
James McEwen, M A..	Duncan McPherson.....	<i>Westminster. d</i>
Robert Stevenson	<i>Williams.</i>
William Miller.....	<i>Stratford.</i>
.....	<i>Kincardine.</i>
.....	<i>London.</i>
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Rev. William King, *Retired Minister.*

Rev. Robert G. McLaren, B. A., London, *Ordained Missionary.*

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2. PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.—REV. WILLIAM BAIN, M. A., *Clerk.*

Meets at Perth and Ottawa City alternately, on the Second Wednesday in January, May, and September.

Joseph Anderson.....	<i>South Gower.</i>
Alexander Mann, M. A..	Thomas Bowes.....	<i>Pakenham.</i>
David Evans	William Smith.....	<i>Kitley.</i>
Thomas Fraser.....	John Mitchell.....	<i>Lanark.</i>
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.....	John Stewart.....	<i>Litchfield.</i>
.....	<i>Ross & Westmeath.</i>

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Meets at Kingston on the First Wednesday in February, May, August, and November.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Machar, D. D.	William Ferguson.....	Kingston.
Robert Neill.....	Robert Cleugh.....	Seymour.
James Williamson, LL.D.....		Queen's College.
James George, D. D.....		Queen's College.
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Rev. Alexander P. Marshall, Kingston, <i>Missionary.</i>		

4. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—REV. JOHN BARCLAY, D. D., *Clerk.*

Meets at Toronto on the Third Tuesday in February, May, August, and November.

John Tawse, M. A.....	William Tinline.....	King.
Thomas Johnson.....		Chinguacousy.
Alexander Lewis.....	Alexander Skelton.....	Mono.
John Macmurchy.....		Eldon.
John Barclay, D. D.....	Edward W. Thomson....	Toronto.
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William Barr		Hornby.
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John Brown.....	Jacob Wells.....	Newmarket.
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James Bain.....	James A. Thomson.....	Scarboro'.
Samuel G. McCaughey.....		Pickering.
John Campbell	Archibald Stewart ...	{ Brock, Reach and Ma- riposa.
William Mackee.....	Archibald Brown.....	{ W. Gwillimbury & In- nisfil.
	Donald Cameron.....	Vaughan.
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		Whitby.
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		Osprey.
		Lindsay.
		Fenelon.
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5. PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—REV. DUNCAN ANDERSON, M. A., *Clerk.*

Meets at Quebec on the First Wednesday in February, May, August, and November.

John Cook, D. D.....	John Thomson.....	Quebec.
David Shanks.....	Robert Ross	Vulcartier.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Duncan Anderson, M.A.	W. G. Russell	<i>Point Levi.</i>
George D. Ferguson	John Howliston	<i>Three Rivers.</i>
James Sieveright, B.A.	Douglas Brymner	<i>Melbourne.</i>
.....	<i>New Richmond.</i>
.....	<i>Inverness.</i>

6. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—REV. WILLIAM SNODGRASS, *Clerk.*

Meets at Montreal on the First Wednesday in February, May, August, and November.

Alex. Mathieson, D. D.	Alex. Morris, M. A.	<i>Montreal, St. Andrews.</i>
William Mair	David Mullan	<i>Chatham.</i>
James Anderson	George Elliot	<i>Ormstown.</i>
James C. Muir	William Hamilton	<i>Georgetown. a</i>
William Simpson	Thomas Allan	<i>Lachine.</i>
Alexander Wallace, B.A.	Hugh Barr	<i>Huntingdon.</i>
James T. Paul	William Paton	<i>St. Louis de Gonzague.</i>
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Rev. John Merlin, Hemmingford, <i>Retired Minister.</i>		
Rev. Thomas Haig, <i>Without charge.</i>		
Rev. James Paterson,	{	
Rev. John Moffat,		<i>Ordained Missionaries.</i>
Rev. John Rannie, M. A.,		
☞ a North Georgetown. b Norton Creek.		

7. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—REV. PETER MCVICAR, *Clerk.*

Meets on the Third Wednesday in January, May, and September.

Hugh Urquhart, D. D.	William Kay	<i>Cornwall.</i>
Thos. McPherson, M.A.	John McBain	<i>Lancaster.</i>
Donald Morro	<i>Finch.</i>
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.....	<i>Coteau du Lac.</i>
Rev. Thomas Scott, <i>Ordained Missionary.</i>		

8. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—REV. GEORGE BELL, B. A., Clerk.

Meets at Hamilton on the Third Wednesday of April, August, and December.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
George Bell, B. A.	Gilbert McMicken.	Clifton.
Hamilton Gibson.	David Shiel.	Galt.
George Macdonnell.	Alex. S. Cadenhead.	Fergus.
Kenneth Maclennan, B. A.		Paisley.
John Skinner, D. D.	Andrew Hall.	Nelson & Waterdown. <i>a</i>
Robert Burnet.	Alexander Logie.	Hamilton, St. Andrews
James Thom.	William Smith.	Woolwich. <i>b</i>
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		Kincardine.
		Tara.
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Rev. James Herald, <i>§</i>		

 *a* Waterdown. *b* Winterbourne. *c* Mount Albion. *d* Dundas.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, begun at Montreal, the 26th day of May, and concluded on the 1st day of June, 1858 years.

SESSION XXX.

DIET I.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the Twenty-Sixth Day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years :—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to appointment, after sermon by the Rev. George Macdonnell, Minister at Fergus, their Moderator, on this text : John, ch. x., vs. 4, 5,—“ And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him : for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him : for they know not the voice of strangers,”—and was constituted with prayer by the said Rev. George Macdonnell.

The Synod Roll being made up from Presbytery Rolls, was read.

ROLL OF QUEBEC PRESBYTERY.

There being only a list of Elders from the Presbytery of Quebec, the Synod express dissatisfaction with the conduct of the Clerk of that Presbytery in sending up only the names of Elders, refuse to receive this list as a Roll, and appoint the Presbytery of Quebec to meet before the commencement of proceedings to-morrow and make up a Roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Revds. George Macdonnell, *Moderator*; Alexander Mackid, Joseph Anderson, Alexander Mann, William Bain, John McMoine, Alexander Spence, Duncan Morrison, George Thomson, Peter Lindsay, William White, John Machar, Robert Neill, Archibald Walker, William E. Mackay, Alexander Buchan, John Barclay, John H.

Mackerras, John Campbell (Brock), John Cook, Duncan Anderson, George D. Ferguson, James Sieveright, Alexander Mathieson, William Mair, James Anderson, James C. Muir, William Simpson, Alexander Wallace, John Macdonald, Frederick P. Sym, William Snodgrass, Hugh Urquhart, Thomas Macpherson, Donald Monro, Robert Dobie, Peter Macvicar, Donald Macdonald, Peter Watson, John Davidson, George Bell, Hamilton Gibson, Kenneth MacLennan, Robert Burnet, Hugh Niven, John Whyte, *Ministers*; and Messrs. Thomas Macdonald, George Malloch, Archibald Petrie, George Neilson, G. H. Boulter, Edward W. Thomson, James A. Thomson, John Thomson, Douglas Brymner, Alexander Morris, Thomas Allan, John Greenshields, James Fenton, Frederick S. Veitch, William Kay, Alexander Robertson, James Grant, Alexander S. Cadenhead, Alexander Logie, *Elders*.

CORRESPONDENTS.

The Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Allan Pollok, Clerk of the Synod of Nova Scotia, apologising with expressions of regret for the absence of the Rev. Alexander McGillivray, the Correspondent appointed by that Synod to attend this meeting, on the ground of ill health, and for the absence of the Rev. Allan Pollok, appointed to take the place of Mr. McGillivray, on the ground of a long continued absence from his congregation. The Synod sympathise with these brethren, and deeply regret that they have not an opportunity this year of welcoming amongst them a Representative of the Church in the Lower Provinces.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Synod, on motion of Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Dr. Machar, unanimously elect the Rev. George Bell, B.A., Minister at Clifton, to be their Moderator for the ensuing year, and he being present, took the chair accordingly.

THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Mann, the Synod unanimously agree to give a vote of thanks to the ex-Moderator, Rev. George Macdonnell, for his conduct while in the chair, and for the appropriate sermon preached by him this day, and he is requested to take his own way of publishing his sermon.

HOURS OF MEETING.

It is agreed that during the present Session the Synod shall meet every morning at half-past nine, and before proceeding to any business engage in devotional exercises, continue each Diet till five o'clock P. M., with an interval between one and half-past two, and resume proceedings in the evening at seven when considered necessary.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Any Presbytery may meet and transact any competent business at any time during the Session when the Court is not sitting, but the intimation of meeting must be in writing, signed by the Moderator, or, in his absence, any two members of the Presbytery of which a meeting is requested, and must be read by the Moderator of Synod from the chair.

LONDON PRESBYTERY.

Mr. Mackid being the only member of the Presbytery of London present Messrs. Burnet and Morris are appointed Associate Members of that Presbytery, at all meetings thereof required to be held during this Session of Synod.

The following Committees are appointed :—

ON BILLS, OVERTURES, AND BUSINESS.

The Moderator, *Convener*, the Clerk, Presbytery Clerks, Drs. Urquhart, Mathieson, Cook, Machar, Barclay, and Messrs. Mann, Mackerras, Burnet, Macdonnell, Niven, Mackid, Morris, Greenshields, Robertson, Petrie, Neilson and Malloch—with instructions to receive papers intended to come before this meeting, to meet this evening at seven o'clock to arrange an order of business, and report to-morrow morning.

ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Mr. Alexander Mackid, *Convener*, and Messrs. Whyte, Mackerras, Cleland, Walker, Buchan, Bain, Morrison, Macvicar, Dobie, Wallace, Anderson, Ferguson, Sieveright, Cadenhead, Edward Thomson, Boulter, Grant, Brymner.

ON SYNOD AND COMMISSION RECORDS.

Mr. Robert Neill, *Convener*, and Messrs. George Thomson, Spence, and Malloch.

ON ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY.

Mr. James C. Muir, *Convener*, and Messrs. McMorine and Logie.

ON ADDRESS TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

* Dr. Urquhart, *Convener*, and Messrs. Bain and Kay.

These four last Committees are instructed to report on Monday next.

REPLIES TO ADDRESSES OF LAST YEAR.

Dr. Barclay reported that no reply to the Synod's Address of last year to Her Majesty the Queen has been received.

The reply of His Excellency the Governor-General to the Synod's Address of last year was read.

ELECTION OF CLERGY RESERVE COMMISSIONERS.

Dr. Mathieson and Dr. Urquhart having retired from the Board of

Clergy Reserve Commissioners, according to regulations of Synod, Sess. XIX. ann. 1848, the Synod unanimously re-elect them, order their names to be placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners, and instruct the Clerk to intimate their election to the Board.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Dr. Machar and Dr. Urquhart having retired from the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, according to the provisions of the Royal Charter, the Synod unanimously re-elect them, order their names to be placed at the top of the roll, and instruct the Clerk to intimate their election to the Board.

MINUTES OF LAST SESSION AND OF COMMISSION.

The concluding minute of Diet VI., and all the minutes of Diet VII., of last year's proceedings, were read and sustained.

Dr. Mathieson reported that the minutes of last year's proceedings were revised before being printed, by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

Minutes of proceedings of the Commission of Synod at meetings held as appointed, October 7th, 1857, and February 17th, 1858, were read. The proceedings are approved of and the minutes sustained.

MISSIONARY AND DEVOTIONAL MEETING.

A Missionary and Devotional Meeting is appointed to be held in this Church, under the auspices of the Synod, on Monday next, at 7 P. M. Messrs. Simpson, Morris, and Greenshields to be a Committee for all arrangements.

SERVICES ON SABBATH.

The Synod made appointments for Divine Service on Sabbath next, viz. : St. Andrew's Church, Rev. Robert Burnet, forenoon ; Rev. Alexander Mackid, afternoon. St. Paul's, Rev. Hugh Niven, forenoon ; Rev. Dr. Cook, evening. Hemmingford, Rev. Peter Watson. Beauharnois, Rev. Hamilton Gibson. LaPrairie, Rev. Alexander Buchan. Longueuil, Rev. William White. Lachine, Rev. John Davidson.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET II.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the Twenty-Seventh Day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years :—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to adjourn-

ment, and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Alexander Mackid; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

ROLL OF QUEBEC PRESBYTERY.

The Roll of the Presbytery of Quebec, certified by the Moderator of said Presbytery, was read, and the Synod order it to be inserted in its proper place in the Synod Roll.

INACCURACIES OF LAST CENSUS.

Mr. Macdonnell reported that, in fulfilment of the Synod's instructions, he wrote W. Hutton, Esq., Secretary to the Provincial Board of Agriculture and Statistics, in reference to the inaccuracies of last Census.

LONDON CONGREGATION.

The Convener of the Committee on the interests of the London Congregation reported progress. The Committee are re-appointed, with instructions to exercise renewed diligence and watchfulness.

CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT.

Dr. Barclay, Correspondent from this Synod to the Synods in the Lower Provinces, reported his attendance at the meetings of these Synods last summer. The Synod approve of his fidelity and diligence. It is agreed that a Correspondent for the present year be appointed to-morrow.

INCORPORATION OF TEMPORALITIES BOARD.

Dr. Cook reported that the Temporalities Board had fulfilled the instructions of Synod, and that the proposed Act of Incorporation of said Board is now before the Legislature.

SUPPLEMENTING TEMPORALITIES FUND.

There is no Report from the Committees appointed to co-operate with the Temporalities Board in appealing to the liberality of the laity for supplementing the Temporalities Fund.

COLONEL MACDOUGALL'S COMPLAINT.

The papers connected with Colonel McDougall's Complaint are referred to the following Committee, viz.: Dr. Urquhart, *Convener*, Edward W. Thomson, and George Neilson, for consideration, with instructions to report on Tuesday morning.

RESIGNATION OF REV. JOHN ROBB.—RETIRING ALLOWANCES.

The following are appointed a Committee to consider the Reference from the Commission of Synod on the resignation of Rev. John Robb, and at the same time the general question of allowances from the Temporalities Fund to Retiring Ministers, and report this Session, viz.: Dr. Machar, *Convener*, Dr. Cook, Dr. Barclay, Mr. McMorine, and John Thompson, Esq.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE.

The Synod having ascertained that Circular Letters were duly sent to Presbyteries by the Presbytery of Bathurst, intimating the intention of that Presbytery, with leave of the Synod, to take William Clarkson Clark and Joseph Evans, M.A., Students of Divinity in Queen's College, on public trials for License, appoint the following

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Moderator, *Convener*, Drs. Mathieson, Urquhart, Cook, Machar, Barclay, and Messrs. Mackid, Macdonnell, Burnet, Miller, Mackerras, Neill, Spence, Morrison, Thomson, Macvicar, Muir, Geo. Ferguson; and direct the said Students to appear before this Committee, in accordance with Act of Synod, 1850.

PETITION OF MR. BORTHWICK.

The Synod heard the petition of Hugh Jameson Borthwick, Student of Divinity in Queen's College, during Sessions 1855-56, and 1857-58, stating that he was prevented much against his will from attending the Divinity Class during Session 1856-57, and praying the Synod to allow him to be taken on trials for License. It was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Burnet, That in the circumstances of the case Mr. Borthwick be sent before the Examining Committee, and if found qualified, that the Presbytery of Kingston be instructed to take him on trials for License. Which motion being put the Moderator declared to be carried; whereupon Mr. Snodgrass in his own name and in the name of all who may adhere to him dissented from this judgment, and promised to give in reasons in due time.

PETITION OF MR. PROSPER L. LEGER.

The Synod heard the petition of Prosper L. Leger, Student of Divinity in Queen's College for the second year, praying the Synod for sundry reasons to allow him to be taken on trials for License. Extract Minutes of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, and Glengarry, in reference thereto, were also read. It was moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Hugh Niven, That the petition of Mr. Leger be not acceded to, inasmuch as it seeks to shorten the curriculum of study contrary to the laws of this Church, refer Mr. Leger to the French Mission Committee for sympathy and advice, and give instruction to the Committee to aid Mr. Leger in obtaining for him teaching or employing him as a missionary under their charge. It was moved in amendment by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Mann, That Dr. Barclay, *Convener*, Messrs. Muir, McMorine, and Burnet, be a Committee to confer with Mr. Leger, and after such conference to report to the Synod the judgment which they would recommend on Mr. Leger's Petition. The Roll was called and votes

were taken when the amendment was carried by thirty-two to seventeen, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

PETITION OF MR. WILLIAM DARRACH.

The Synod next heard the petition of William Darrach, at present acting as a Catechist within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston, praying the Synod to permit him to enter the Theological Classes of Queen's College at the same time that he is pursuing his studies in the Faculty of Arts in that Institution. An Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Kingston in reference to said petition was also read. It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Machar, and carried *nem. con.*, That Mr. Darrach be permitted to enter the Theological Class of Queen's College next Session, and the Senatus are requested to arrange so far as they can his attendance on the Literary and Philosophical Classes, so that the Literary and Theological Course may go on together.

The Finance Committee is re-appointed.

ELECTION OF MANAGERS OF WIDOWS' FUND.

The Synod re-elect Dr. Cook, Thomas Peck, and Archibald Ferguson, to be Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, their names are directed to be placed at the head of the lists of ministers and laymen respectively composing the Board, and the Clerk is instructed to intimate their election to the Board.

Consideration of Dundas and Ancaster case is deferred till to-morrow.

STATUS OF RETIRED MINISTERS.

Returns of opinions of Presbyteries on the proposed Act anent the Status of Retired Ministers having been read, it was moved by Mr. Snodgrass seconded by Dr. Cook, and unanimously agreed, That the majority of opinions returned by Presbyteries on the Interim Act anent the Status of Retired Ministers being opposed to the said Act, it cease to have any force in the procedure of Presbyteries in reference to the retirement of Ministers.

OVERTURES ON QUEEN'S COLLEGE PROPERTY AND ROYAL CHARTER.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal on the subject of legally securing the property acquired by Queen's College for the education of young men for the ministry, and an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton praying the Synod to give expression to the meaning attached by members to the clause in the Royal Charter of Queen's College, beginning with the words, "each congregation," and ending, "each year," (Ed. 1841, page 5; line 129-139), were, after discussion, dismissed.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET III.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the Twenty-eighth day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years :—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted ; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Peter Watson ; and the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

The Synod appoint Rev. Dr. Cook, Minister, and Alexander Morris, Esq., Ruling Elder, Correspondents to the Synods of the Church in the Lower Provinces, the Rev. Thomas Macpherson being appointed Dr. Cook's Alternate.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

An understanding was come to by the Court as to the time and place of next Annual Meeting of Synod.

REASONS OF DISSENT *in re* H. J. BORTHWICK.

Mr. Snodgrass in his own name and in the name of all who might adhere to him gave in the following reasons of dissent from the deliverance of Synod given yesterday on the petition of Hugh Jameson Borthwick :—

1. Because the petition of Mr. Borthwick states that he has attended the Theological Classes in Queen's College for two Sessions only, whereas a law of this Church expressly requires three Sessions.

2. Because the petition of Mr. Borthwick declares the main ground, if not the only one, on which he submits his petition to be, that he was prevented from attending the second Session of his Course as a Divinity Student, a statement which communicates no circumstances whatever rendering his case a special one and deserving of consideration.

3. Because while the circumstances referred to in the deliverance of the Synod were not brought before the Court in a regular manner but submitted in *ex parte* statements, encouragement is given by the

allusion to them in the Synod's deliverance to interpret them much more favorably for Mr. Borthwick, and unfavorably for the Vice-Principal of Queen's College, at whose instance it has been alleged in Synod Mr. Borthwick was prevented from attending the second Session of his Theological Course, than the facts of the case if properly investigated and fully known might warrant.

To which reasons of dissent Revds. Dr. Mathieson, Alexander Mackid, Hugh Niven, John Davidson, Peter Lindsay, John Campbell (Brock), Frederick P. Sym, Peter Macvicar, and Mr. Douglas Brymner gave their adherence.

PRINCIPALSHIP OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

There was read a Memorial from the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Queen's College of date May 19th, 1858, expressing their views of the qualifications of the Rev. Dr. Cook for the office of Principal of Queen's College, and their strong desire that he should permanently retain this office which he accepted temporarily, and praying the Court to take into consideration the circumstances of Queen's College, and advise with Dr. Cook as to what may most tend to the welfare of the Church in this matter or take such measures for the good of the College as to their wisdom may seem fit. It was moved by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. Neilson, and it is unanimously agreed, That the Synod heartily concur in the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Cook to be Principal of Queen's College, and that this Court hereby express the sincere desire that Dr. Cook will accede to the united wish of the Board of Trustees, and of the Synod and continue to discharge the duties of the office, the adequate discharge of which has been so satisfactorily and strongly expressed by the Memorial on the table. Dr. Cook being absent when this resolution was passed, it is agreed that an opportunity be taken by the Moderator on Dr. Cook's return to present it to him in the presence of the Court, and that the Moderator, Dr. Barclay, and Mr. Green-shields, be a Committee to confer with Dr. Cook on the subject.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.

It is unanimously agreed on motion of the Clerk to adopt the following Overture:—That a Select Committee on Standing Orders be appointed and charged with the duty of considerately and deliberately forming a series of laws regarding the Annual Meeting of Synod, the appointment and duties of Committees, the preparation and presentation of papers, the conducting of debates, the adjudication of causes, the taking of votes, the duties and privileges of the Moderator and members respectively, and generally all matters affecting Synodical practice, that the same may be pursued and maintained with as much dignity, order, and edification as possible; and further

that this Committee be a permanent one, though subject to such changes as the Synod may find it necessary to make, and be required to report from time to time such suggestions and recommendations as they may consider serviceable in promoting the efficiency, comfort, and success of the meetings of Synod. In terms of this Overture the following Committee is appointed:—The Clerk, *Convener*, the Moderator, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Barclay, and Mr. Morris.

JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.*

The Report of the Jewish and Foreign Mission Committee was read. It was moved by Mr. McMorine, seconded by Dr. Urquhart, and it is agreed, That the Synod having heard and considered the Report of the Jewish and Foreign Missions' Committee, approve and adopt the same; thank the Committee for their diligence, prudence, and judicious conduct of the important interests confided to them; express their hearty gratitude for the Providential offer of the services of so competent a Missionary; commend him and the effort to the prayers and sympathies of the Church; instruct Presbyteries to see that a collection is taken up as ordered last year in all the congregations of the bounds for the Mission; and remit the whole matter to the Committee, authorizing them to take such further steps in the institution and prosecution of the Mission as may be found necessary and desirable; instruct them also by correspondence and otherwise to mature their views as to the future conduct of the Mission, and re-appoint the Committee with the addition of the Revds. Dr. Machar, Duncan Morrison, and Mr. John Paton; and further continue Mr. Morris as Treasurer to the Scheme.

The same Committee then presented a supplementary Report setting forth that they have engaged Mr. Ephraim M. Epstein, a Licentiate of the Old School Presbytery of New York, in whose character, attainments, piety, and fitness for the work they repose confidence, and preferring their request that the Synod authorise Mr. Epstein to appear before the Examining Committee in order to his admission as a Licentiate of this Church. There was also read Mr. Epstein's Presbyterial Certificate, signed by the Rev. John M. Krebs, Clerk of the Presbytery of New York, who affectionately recommends Mr. Epstein to the care of this Synod. On motion of Mr. Macdonnell, seconded by Mr. William Bain, this Report is adopted, and Mr. Epstein is instructed to appear before the Examining Committee. The Moderator then conveyed the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Burnet, *Convener*, and the other members of the Committee.

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DR. COOK AND THE COLLEGE PRINCIPALSHIP.

Dr. Cook being now present, the Moderator presented to him the resolution passed by the Synod in reference to his acceptance permanently of the office of Principal of Queen's College, and he agreed to take the same into his serious consideration.

SYNOD FUND.*

The Account of the Treasurer of the Synod Fund with vouchers was submitted by Mr. Mackerras; also, the Report of the Finance Committee. The Synod having heard the same agree to adopt them; approve of the diligence of the Treasurer and Finance Committee; earnestly call the attention of Presbyteries and Ministers to the arrears due the Fund; order these arrears to be paid without delay, and the Report to be printed along with the Synod Minutes.

SYNOD PAPERS.

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the papers, books, and documents in the hands of the late Clerk was read, and the Committee were discharged after receiving the thanks of the Court.

PRESBYTERY ROLLS.

The following Overture, anent instructions to Presbytery Clerks in making up Presbytery Rolls for transmission to Synod, was introduced by the Clerk, who moved, seconded by Mr. Kay, That the Overture be adopted; and the Synod unanimously resolve,—

That Presbytery Clerks furnish full and accurate particulars under the following headings, placed in the following order, viz.: *Ministers, Dates of Appointment*, (that is, of Ministers to their first charges in this Church), *Post Office Addresses* (that is, of Ministers), *Elders, Charges*; that they fill up these columns in a clear and distinct handwriting, being careful to spell the names of persons as the persons themselves do, and the names of places as the inhabitants and Post Office authorities are accustomed to spell them, and to affix marks of degrees where they are due; that they designate as *Vacancies* only such charges as have once had Ministers regularly settled, and return as *Mission Stations* all other places receiving Presbyterial supplies with the view of being ultimately erected into distinct charges; that they furnish regularly and correctly the information conveyed along with the Synod Roll usually prefixed to the printed minutes of Synod in reference to the time and place of the stated meetings of Presbyteries, to Clerks, Retired Ministers, and Missionaries within the bounds; that they submit the Rolls to their several Presbyteries for revision previous to transmission to Synod,

and attest them as revised and ordered to be transmitted ; and that they forward them so prepared to the Synod Clerk, so as to be in his hands at least four days before the Annual Meeting of Synod ; further that Presbytery Clerks be enjoined to forward the Presbyterial Reports required by Act of Synod, 1844, along with their Presbytery Rolls, so that they may be read to the Synod.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.*

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, together with the Treasurer's Statement, was read, and the following deliverance moved by Mr. Mackid, seconded by Mr. Neilson, is given unanimously : The Synod having heard the Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the past year, and also the Treasurer's Statement, record their profound gratitude to Divine Providence for the continued prosperity of this valuable Fund and their thanks to the Managers for the new proofs they afford of their interest and industry ; deeply regret that there is so great a deficiency in the gross revenue for the past year from congregational collections, but concur with the Managers in expressing the hope that this may be fairly attributable to the recent monetary crisis ; renew their instructions to Presbyteries and Ministers to be careful to supply all information desired by the Board, more especially that Ministers send a statement of the number of families in their several congregations, along with the congregational collections, and that Presbyteries furnish the Secretary of the Board with intimations of all Ordinations and Inductions, and full reports of the regularity with which congregations, vacant or not vacant, make their collections for the Fund, with certification that if they neglect this duty they incur the censure of this Court ; remit to the Board to continue their negotiations on the subject of extending the benefits of the Fund to Ministers of the Church in the Lower Provinces ; confirm the election by the Board of Mr. Joseph M. Ross, in room of the late Hew Ramsay, Esq. ; in reference to the two points submitted to the consideration of the Synod towards the conclusion of the Report, find that they are very important, but inasmuch as at present no actual cases of the kind alluded to exist, solicit the Board to take them into their mature deliberation, and report their views to the next meeting of Synod ; and order the Report and Statement to be printed along with the Synod Minutes. The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Synod to Dr. Mathieson, Chairman, and the other members of the Board.

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TEMPORALITIES FUND.

The Report of the Temporalities Board, together with their financial statement and memorandum of Funds and Investments, was read. It was moved by Mr. Mackerras, seconded by Mr. George Ferguson, and it is agreed *nem. con.*,—That the Reports submitted to the Synod be received; that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Board for their administration of the trust; that the Synod desires to express its gratification at the remunerative rate of the Investments; and that Messrs. John Greenshields and James Mitchell be requested to audit the accounts of the Board, and report thereon to the next meeting of Synod. The thanks of the Synod were then conveyed by the Moderator to Dr. Cook, Chairman, and the other Members of the Board.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET IV.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the Twenty-ninth day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years;—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, met according to adjournment and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Wm. E. Mackay; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

MR. PROSPER L. LEGER.

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Prosper L. Leger reported favourably, expressing their entire satisfaction, and recommending that his request to be permitted to appear before the Examining Committee be granted. The Synod approve of the Report, and instruct Mr. Leger to appear before the Examining Committee.

DUNDAS AND ANCASTER CASE.

The Synod heard the Report of the Special Committee to whom the papers in the Dundas and Ancaster Case were remitted last year for consideration. The Committee stated reasons for their taking no action in the matter, and the Synod took up the reference made to last Synod by the Presbytery of Hamilton on the disjunction of the congregations of Dundas and Ancaster, the papers connected therewith being laid upon the table. The Moderator having left

the chair, which was temporarily taken by Mr. Mann, appeared in behalf of the Dundas congregation by written commission, and was heard. Mr. Macdonnell was also heard on the case generally, but more especially on the position and views of the Ancaster congregation. The following deliverance is given:—That it is expedient that the congregation of Dundas be separated, and it is hereby separated, from the congregation of Ancaster; that the congregation of Ancaster be affectionately recommended to the special care of the Presbytery of Hamilton; and that that Presbytery be enjoined to give as ample supply to the congregation of Ancaster as circumstances permit.

RESIGNATION OF REV. JOHN ROBB.—RETIRING ALLOWANCES.

The Committee appointed on the general question of allowances to Retiring Ministers and the particular case of the Rev. John Robb's resignation recommended, in reference to the former, that in every case in which a Minister, not provided for by deliverance of Synod 1856, craves to retire from the active discharge of his duties as a Minister, on the ground of bad health or any other cause, on condition of receiving his allowance from the Temporalities Fund, in whole or in part, shall be reported to the Synod with the opinion of the Presbytery thereanent, and that the Synod only shall decide theron; and in reference to the latter, that the Rev. John Robb be permitted to resign his charge on his full allowance from the Temporalities Fund. The Synod unanimously adopt both recommendations, and remit to the Presbytery of London to proceed in giving effect to the latter according to the laws of the Church.

LAY ASSOCIATION.

The Synod heard an Address from the Lay Association of Montreal. The Synod agree to record their satisfaction with the efforts made by the Lay Association in behalf of the interests of this Church and the success attending them, as also their gratitude to the members of that useful Association, and recommend the members of Synod to use their endeavours to increase the circulation of *The Presbyterian* and *The Juvenile Presbyterian*.

CHURCH PROPERTY.*

The Synod heard the Report of the Central Committee on Church Property. It was moved by Mr. Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Neilson, and it is unanimously agreed,—That the Synod adopt the Report of the Committee, and order it to be appended to the printed Synod Minutes; thank the Committee for their exertions; enjoin

* Appendix E.

Ministers who have not yet made returns of the Church Property with which they are connected to do so without delay; instruct Presbyteries to see that this injunction is attended to; associate Judge Logie, Messrs. John Young, and Thomas C. Kerr, Hamilton, with the Committee; and appoint Judge Logie, Convener, in place of Mr. Morris, who asks to be relieved of that duty which he has discharged with fidelity for three years past.

TEMPORALITIES FUND—AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Auditors of the Accounts of the Temporalities Board submitted a Report recommending a change in the mode of keeping the Books of the Board. It is unanimously agreed, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Auditors for the able and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duty, and that the Report now presented be adopted and transmitted to the Temporalities Board, with instructions to follow out the suggestions therein made. Mr. Green-shields being present, the Moderator conveyed to him the thanks of the Synod.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.*

The Committee on Sabbath Schools presented their Report which was read by Mr. Burnet, Convener. It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Neilson, and it is unanimously agreed,—That the Synod adopt the Report; order it to be printed as an Appendix to the Synod minutes; thank the Committee for their faithful and judicious gestion of the important trust confided to them; and re-appoint the Committee, nominating Mr. Macdonnell as Convener in room of Mr. Burnet whose resignation is accepted.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY.

The Synod heard an Overture from the Presbytery of London on the subject of Associate Members of Presbyteries. The following deliverance is given:—That Ministers of this Church or the Parent Church who may be present at Meetings of any Presbytery on whose Roll their names do not appear, have by right no status as members thereof, but may by consent of the Court enjoy the privilege of sitting and consulting, but not voting.

ELECTION OF LAY TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

There was read a notification from the Secretary to the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, that the Hon. Justice McLean, Hon. Peter McGill, and Alexander McLean, Esq., having retired from the Board, were re-elected on the first day of this meeting of Synod.

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REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Examining Committee reported that they examined Mr. Hugh Jameson Borthwick, Mr. William Clarkson Clark, Mr. Joseph Evans, and Mr. Prosper L. Leger, Students of Divinity, on the subjects prescribed by Act of Synod, 1850, as also the Rev. Ephraim, M. Epstein, a Probationer of the Old School Presbytery of New York, and that they are satisfied with the appearance they made. The Synod authorize Presbyteries to proceed with the trials of these Students according to the laws of the Church, and instruct the Presbytery of Kingston to meet during this Session of Synod, and receive Mr. Epstein as a Probationer.

Dr. Mathieson dissented in his own name, and in the name of all who may adhere to him, from the adoption of this Report, in so far as it recommends that Mr. Leger be taken on trials, because said decision is in the face of, and contrary to, a standing law of this Church entitled, "Act anent the Course of Study for the Holy Ministry," (Act. XXXV, Toronto, 9th July, 1850,) and promised to give in additional reasons in due time.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS, OVERTURES AND BUSINESS.

The following Overture introduced by the Clerk is, on motion, adopted:—That the Synod at their Annual Meeting appoint the Committee on Bills, Overtures, and Business for the following year; instruct the Committee so appointed to meet at 7 P. M. of the day immediately previous to the meeting of that year, at the place where the Synod may be appointed to be held, to arrange as far as possible the whole business of the meeting, and prepare a printed docket in a sufficient number of copies for the use of members; and ordain that the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, the Presbytery Clerks, and nine other members of Synod the best qualified for this purpose that the Synod can select, shall compose this Committee, and that papers of every description without exception intended to be submitted to the Annual Meeting of Synod, be forwarded to the Synod Clerk, so as to be in his hands at least five clear days previous to the meeting before which they are to be laid, and be by him or his instructions placed upon the table of the Committee: nevertheless this order shall not be held as preventing any papers from being presented and received by permission of the Synod at any time in the course of the meeting when they refer to matters arising out of the proceedings of the meeting to which they are presented. The following Committee is appointed for the ensuing year in terms of this Overture, viz:—The Moderator, the Synod Clerk, Presbytery Clerks, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Machar, Dr. Cook, Dr. Urquhart, and Messrs. A. Mackid, A. Spence, J. Mackerras, Jas. Bain, R. Burnet

FORM OF WRITTEN PAPERS.

The following Overture introduced by the Clerk is, on motion, adopted:—That, whereas it is extremely desirable to preserve all documents coming before the Synod in a form easy of access and convenient for reference, the following standing order be observed, That Reports, Overtures, References, Complaints, Appeals, Extract Minutes, and all other matters whatsoever intended to be submitted to the Synod or Commission of Synod be written on foolscap paper, with sufficient margins, so as to admit of their being bound in volumes; and for the sake of securing fully the ends of justice, the Synod strongly recommend parties having causes or questions which they deem it important to bring before the Synod for consideration and disposal to print copies of the same in sufficient numbers for the use of members and in a shape suitable for binding along with the printed minutes of Synod.

CIRCULAR LETTERS—TRIALS FOR LICENSE.

In compliance with an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, the Clerk is instructed to supply Presbytery Clerks with printed copies of the form of Circular Letter in Cook's Practice, to be used by Presbyteries when intimation is made to other Presbyteries of their intention to apply to the Synod for leave to take Students on trials for License.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal on the subject of Presbyterial Reports is dismissed.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Snodgrass reported verbally for the Committee appointed last year to address the Colonial Committee on the spiritual destitution within the bounds of the Synod, mentioning the action taken by the Committee and the results of endeavours to fulfil the duty intrusted to them. The Committee are re-appointed, and Presbyteries are anew enjoined to transmit to Dr. Mathieson without delay a full and particular account of all vacancies, and localities where new congregations may be formed.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal on the appointment of a Standing Committee of correspondence with the Parent Church was then considered. The Synod agree to comply so far with the prayer of the Overture at present as to appoint Dr. Mathieson and Mr. Morris to prepare a letter, by the authority and in the name of this Court, to be addressed to the Convener of the Colonial Committee, expressive of the gratitude of the Synod for the numerous and substantial proofs of the warm interest taken by the said Committee in the affairs and prosperity of this Church.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place on Monday morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, Monday, the Thirty-first day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years ;—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to adjournment, and was constituted ; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Ephraim M. Epstein ; and the minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read, and after corrections sustained.

REASONS OF DISSENT *in re* PROSPER L. LEGER.

Dr. Mathieson gave in additional reasons of dissent from the decision of the Synod authorizing Mr. Prosper L. Leger to be taken on trials for License by a Presbytery of this Church, and the following members adhered to the dissent for the reason stated in the minutes of the previous Diet, viz. :—Alex. Mackid, Peter Macvicar, Thomas Macpherson, George Thomson, Peter Watson, Donald McDonald, William E. McKay, Frederick P. Sym, W. Simpson, W. Snodgrass, and John Davidson.

BURSARY FUND.

Dr. Cook laid upon the table a statement by Andrew Drummond, Esq., Kingston, the Treasurer of the Bursary Fund, showing the receipts and disbursements from Dec. 24th, 1857, to May 22nd, 1858, and made some observations upon the importance of the object. It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Barclay,—That the Synod, recognizing the importance and the duty of enabling the Senatus of Queen's College to award Bursaries of a sufficient amount to deserving students pursuing their studies with a view to the Ministry in that Institution, earnestly recommend the Bursary Fund to the attention of congregations, and express their confident trust that they will liberally support the effort ;—which motion being put is unanimously agreed to.

JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

The Clerk read a statement by Mr. John Mowat, showing that the sum of £40 7s. 3d., belonging to the Synod's Jewish and Foreign Mission Fund, is in his hands. Mr. Mowat is requested to expend the same for the purposes of the Jewish and Foreign Mission of the Synod, under the direction of the Convener of that Committee.

SYNOD RECORDS.

The Committee appointed to revise the Synod Records reported, that they found those of Synods 1856, and 1857, and of the Commission of Synod for 1856-57, carefully and correctly kept, but the minutes of Synod 1856 not signed in consequence of the death of the late Clerk. The Moderator is instructed to attest the said minutes, and the Clerk to sign those of 1856, with a note of the cause.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The Committee appointed to revise Presbytery Records reported that the Records of all the Presbyteries, except the Presbytery of London, were examined and found to be carefully and correctly kept; that the Records of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Glengarry, Kingston, Toronto and Quebec bear no evidence of the revision of Session Records; that the Roll of the Presbytery of Montreal is not inserted at length in the minutes of the meeting of that Presbytery immediately previous to Synod 1857, and that in page 271 of the Records of Hamilton Presbytery it is stated that Paisley is within the bounds of the Presbytery of London, and yet it appears that the Induction of Mr. McLennan to that charge was conducted by the Presbytery of Hamilton. Members of the several Presbyteries were heard in reference to the matters noted in the Report, and the Moderator having inquired if any other member had any remarks to make upon any of the records, the records of the several Presbyteries are ordered to be attested in accordance with the Report of the Committee, and Mr. Mackerras and Mr. Neilson are appointed a Committee to report on the boundary line between the Presbyteries of Hamilton and London.

REPRESENTATION OF THE ELDERSHIP IN SYNOD.

The following Overture from the Presbytery of Quebec was introduced by Dr. Cook:—Whereas, the Synod is in this Church, the Superior Court, Legislative and Judicial, corresponding in its powers to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and it is in the highest degree desirable that the Eldership should be justly represented in it, not only theoretically and in point of right, but really and in point of fact, both in regard of number and in respect of opinion on any matter occupying the attention, or affecting the interests of the Church; and whereas a larger and more influential representation of the Eldership would be secured, if Sessions were permitted to choose Representative Elders not merely from their own body but from the general Eldership of the Church; and whereas a more just representation of the mind of the Eldership on any matter of interest in the Church, would be better obtained if the Representative Elder for the Synod were chosen as in Scotland is the cas

with the Representatives of Presbyteries for the General Assembly, a short period before the meeting of Synod, it is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Quebec that the Synod do ordain each Session, at or within some certain time in each year to be fixed by the Synod, to appoint an Elder to represent it for that year in all meetings of Presbytery ; and within a certain time not more than two months, or less than one month, from the meeting of Synod, to appoint an Elder to represent it in Synod, and in all meetings of the Commission of Synod, throughout the year ; and that in the choice of such Representative Elder for the Synod and the Commission, the Session shall not be restricted to choose from their own body, but may select from the Eldership of the Church generally ; and further that Sessions be enjoined in the selection of Representative Elders for the Synod to be at pains to appoint such only, either from their own body, or from other Sessions as will consider it their duty to attend the meetings of Synod.

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Mair,—That this Overture be transmitted to Presbyteries for consideration, but be not in force as an Interim Act. It was moved in amendment by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Mann,—That the Overture be rejected. The question was put and votes were taken, when twenty-six appeared for the motion and fourteen for the amendment, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

According to appointment, a Devotional and Missionary Meeting was held this evening under the auspices of the Synod.

DIET VI.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the First Day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years :—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to adjournment, and was constituted ; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. John Campbell of Brock ; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

NATURE AND POWERS OF COMMISSION OF SYNOD.*

There was read a Report from the Committee appointed to inquire into the nature and powers of the Commission of Synod. It was

moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Thomson, and it is agreed,— That the Report be received and transmitted to Presbyteries for consideration, with instructions to report thereon to next Synod, and the Synod re-appoint the Committee to prepare a draft of instructions for the Commission of Synod according to the recommendation in the Report.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

There was read by Dr. Mathieson a Report from the Committee on the formation of a General Assembly. It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Morrison, and it is unanimously resolved,— That the Synod receive the Report; order it to be printed with the Synod Minutes; re-appoint the Committee with instructions to mature their views as to the formation of a General Assembly of the Church in this Province as proposed in the Report, and to report a plan for the formation and constitution thereof, to be submitted to next Session of the Court for consideration.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.†

The Rev. William Bain, Convener of the Synod's Committee on Sabbath Observance, read the Report of the Committee for the past year. On motion of Mr. McMorine, seconded by Mr. Burnet, the Synod unanimously resolve as follows:—Adopt the Report; order its suggestions to be carried out; and continue the Committee, instructing them to give their best attention to the important matter intrusted to them. There was also read a Bill for the better observance of the Sabbath at present before the Legislative Council, and the Synod agree to petition the Legislature to pass this Bill. Mr. Bain is instructed to prepare a petition for this purpose.

TEMPORALITIES FUND.

Dr. Cook reported on behalf of the Temporalities Board that the estimated revenue of the year is £9006, and the charges on it £8805, leaving a balance in favour of the Fund of £201; but that as it is probable that during the current year sixteen ministers will be added to the Church, the Board would require an addition of £600 to their Funds to enable it to pay £50 a-year to each. It was moved by Alexander Logie, seconded by George Neilson, and it is agreed, That the matter be remitted to the Temporalities Board, with instructions to call in the assistance of the members and friends of the Church in the different localities, and for that purpose the Board are authorized to appoint Committees in each Presbytery or congrega-

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tion to obtain annual subscriptions to be placed at the disposal of the Board, to enable them to grant to every minister who may be placed on the Roll of the Synod, at least £50 a-year, and if possible to increase the allowance to £100 a-year; and all ministers are hereby enjoined to render all the assistance in their power to enable the Board to carry out this object.

PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

It was then moved by Dr. Cook, and seconded, That the Synod re-consider the place of meeting for next year. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Snodgrass, and seconded, That the Synod do adjourn. The question was put, and the amendment carried by a vote of eighteen to seven.

BOUNDARY OF HAMILTON AND LONDON PRESBYTERIES.

After an interval the Synod resumed business.

The Committee on the Boundaries of the Hamilton and London Presbyteries reported, recommending that the Presbytery of London should include the Counties of Huron, Perth, Oxford (except the Township of Blenheim), Elgin, and all Counties westward of these. The recommendation of the Committee is adopted.

ERECTION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

The following Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton is adopted:—That the Synod order the erection of a Western Presbytery, to be called “The Presbytery of Huron,” whenever three Ministers are settled in the Townships North and West of, and including, Huron, Kinloss, Culross, Carrick, Normanby, Egremont, Proton, Melancthon, Osprey, and Collingwood.

MISSIONARIES FOR THE HURON PENINSULA.

The following Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, amended by leaving out the word “itinerating,” is adopted:—That application be made to the Colonial Committee for itinerating Missionaries for the West and North-west of the Huron Peninsula. The Presbytery of Hamilton are instructed to bring before the notice of the Colonial Committee, without delay, the great want of Missionaries in the said territory.

An Overture from Hamilton Presbytery on the publication of financial information is dismissed.

LAY ASSOCIATIONS.

An Overture from Hamilton Presbytery on the formation of Lay Associations is dismissed, the Synod declaring that Presbyteries have full power to institute Lay Associations within their bounds.

AMALGAMATION OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGERS.

An Overture from Hamilton Presbytery on the amalgamation of Congregational Trustees and Managers into one body is dismissed, the Synod calling the attention of the Convener of the Committee on Church Property to the matter.

An Overture from the London Presbytery on the power of Kirk-sessions and Presbyteries over the secular and financial affairs of a congregation is dismissed.

NEW VERSIONS OF PSALMS.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, praying the appointment of a Synodical Committee to make a selection of Hymns for the use of the Church, was discussed, and the Synod appoint the Revds. Dr. Cook, Dr. George, and Robert Burnet, a Committee to select a few metrical versions of Psalms in different measures from those in use in the Church, and to report next Session.

FRENCH MISSION.*

The Synod heard the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Presbytery of Montreal on the French Mission. The Treasurer's accounts were submitted. There was also read an Overture from the Hamilton Presbytery,—That the French Mission be placed on a more satisfactory footing, and that a Committee be appointed from the Church at large to further the object. It was moved by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. A. S. Cadenhead, and it is agreed, That the Synod having heard the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Montreal Presbytery on the French Mission, as transmitted by the Presbytery, receive and adopt the same, and approving of the suggestion therein contained, appoint Revds. W. Snodgrass, W. Simpson, Geo. Ferguson, James C. Muir, and Messrs. Alex. Morris, John Green-shields, Arch. Ferguson, a Standing Committee on the French Mission, authorizing them to take such steps in its revival, maintenance and prosecution as may be necessary, reporting their action to the Synod from time to time, and appoint the Rev. W. Snodgrass, Convener; and the Synod further recommend the Mission to the continued countenance and active co-operation and sympathy of the congregations of the Church.

INDIAN ORPHANAGE SCHEME.†

The Third Annual Report of the Juvenile Mission and Indian Orphanage Scheme was read. It was moved by Mr. Mackerras, seconded by Judge Logie, and it is agreed, That the Synod express their gratification at the lively interest taken by the children of the

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Church in the Indian Orphanage Scheme of the Edinburgh Ladies' Association ; recognize therein the good hand of the Head of the Church ; agree to renew their cordial approval of the Scheme ; thank Mr. Paton for his diligence and zeal in enlisting the sympathies and contributions of the youth of our congregations in this missionary effort, and re-appoint him Treasurer.

PETITION OF WILLIAM FERGUSON, M. A.

There was read a petition from William Ferguson, M.A., praying for restoration to the status of a Licentiate ; also a petition from members and office-bearers of the Church, dated Williamstown, May 26th, 1858, in support of the same ; and an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Glengarry of date May 26th, 1858, recommending the Synod to grant petitioner's prayer. The application was dismissed, but the Synod considered a recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, that permission be granted for the employment of Mr. Ferguson as a Catechist. It was moved by Mr. Mann, and seconded by Dr. Mathieson, That the recommendation of said Committee be adopted. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Burnet, and seconded by Mr. Morrison, That the recommendation be not adopted. A vote was taken, and the amendment carried by a majority. The Moderator declared accordingly.

ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY.*

A draft Address to Her Majesty the Queen, from the Committee appointed to prepare the same, being read, is approved of.

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.†

A draft Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, from the Committee appointed to prepare the same, being read, is approved of.

The Moderator is instructed to sign the aforesaid Addresses in name and by appointment of the Synod, and Dr. Barclay, John Cameron, Esq., and such other members of the Court or the Church as can conveniently accompany them are appointed to present the Addresses.

COL. MACDOUGALL'S COMPLAINT.

The Committee on Col. Macdougall's Complaint submitted a Report which was read. It was moved by Dr. Mathieson, and seconded by Mr. Whyte,—That the Synod receive the Report, but inasmuch as irregularities appear in the proceedings remit the matter to the Presbytery of Hamilton, enjoin said Presbytery to take steps to expunge all reference to the matters in question, if any such there

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be, from their minutes and the minutes of the Session of St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, and enjoin all parties to cultivate a spirit of Christian charity and mutual forbearance ;—which motion on being put was carried, Mr. Burnet dissenting on the ground that the case on its merits is not before the Court.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.*

The Report of the Presbytery of Montreal on Statistics, submitting a plan for the annual collection of the same was read. Forms of blank returns from Kirk Sessions and Managers, and a general sheet for the entry of returns were laid upon the table. On motion of Mr. Morris, which was seconded, the Synod resolved, That inasmuch as a former enactment on the subject has not been acted on, the Synod adopt the Report and remit it to a Committee composed of the Rev. Robert Dobie, *Convener*, Dr. Urquhart, and Revds. Peter Macvicar, Peter Watson, and Donald Macdonald, authorizing them to take steps to carry out the same as an Interim Act.

MEMORIALS FOR AID IN BUILDING CHURCHES.

Memorials for aid from the Trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, and the Trustees of the Church at Point Levi, to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland were read and passed. The Presbyteries of Hamilton and Quebec are instructed to forward to the said Committee extracts of their procedure in reference to these Memorials, attested copies of the Title Deeds of the Properties, and an extract of this Minute.

There was read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Quebec, sanctioning an application to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for Aid to finish Churches which are in course of erection at Windsor and Brompton Gore, in the Eastern Townships. It is remitted to the Presbytery of Quebec to obtain fuller particulars in regard to the said Churches, and otherwise mature the case for the consideration of the Commission of Synod.

COMMISSION TO REV. DONALD MACDONALD.

The Synod being informed that the Rev. Donald Macdonald, Minister at Lochiel, is about to proceed to Scotland, authorize him to seek out young men of suitable qualifications who might be willing to come to this country and study for the ministry in this Church, at Queen's College, Kingston.

PETITION ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Rev. William Bain submitted a draft of Petition to the Legislature for the passage of the Bill now before the Legislative Council

to secure the better observance of the Sabbath. The same is approved of and ordered to be signed by the Moderator in the name and by the appointment of the Synod.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

The Synod appoint their Commission to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the first Wednesday in October next at noon, and oftener by adjournment when and where the Commissioners may choose, ordain the Roll of this Synod to be the Roll of the Commission, and invest the Commissioners with the same powers for the same purposes as the Synod's Commission of last year—that is to say, to transact all business referred to them, and determine therein as they shall see fit; attend to such emergent causes as may require immediate action on the part of the Church; watch over the general interests of the Church; receive any References and Appeals that may be made to them by Presbyteries and ripen such affairs for next Synod; and give all needful advice to Presbyteries upon application to them for that end. In all their actings they are to proceed according to the laws of the Church, and they are accountable for the same to the next meeting of Synod. Nine Commissioners shall be a quorum, and five of them must be ministers.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE MINUTES OF THIS SESSION.

The Synod appoint Dr. Mathieson, Messrs. Simpson, Morris, and Greenshields, a Committee to revise the Minutes of this Session previous to their being engrossed and printed.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Montreal is permitted to meet this evening after the rising of the Synod to make Missionary appointments and to receive and dispose of an application from Mr. Leger, Student of Divinity, for transference to the Presbytery of Quebec, that he may by that Presbytery be taken on trials for License; and the Presbytery of Hamilton to meet to-morrow morning to expedite a Call from the congregation of Dundas, and to make missionary appointments.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF KINDNESS AND LIBERALITY TO MEMBERS OF SYNOD.

It was moved by Mr. Macvicar, seconded by Mr. Mann, and is carried, That the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the Office-bearers and Members of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Churches in this city for their courtesy to the Members of the Synod throughout this Session; to Messrs. Morris, Greenshields and Ferguson for their assistance in securing permanent travelling passes at reduced rates, and to the Grand Trunk Railway Company for their liberality.

CLOSING OF SESSION.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod, and after prayer and praise said,—

In the Name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the KING and ONLY HEAD of this Church, and in the Name of this Synod I appoint the next Annual Meeting of Synod to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa City, on the last Wednesday in May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine Years, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon;—

Of which public intimation was made, and the Moderator closed the present Session by pronouncing the Apostolic Benediction.

APPENDIX A.

MEMORANDA FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR, 1857-58.

1857—May 29th.—The Rev. William Johnson, M.A., formerly Minister at Saltfleet and Binbrook, received as an Ordained Missionary, by the Presbytery of Glengarry.

June 11th.—The Rev. Kenneth MacLennan of Dundas and Ancaster, translated to Paisley, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

June 24th.—The Rev. William White inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Richmond, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.

July 8th.—The Rev. William Johnson, M.A., inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of L'Original, by the Presbytery of Glengarry.

July 13th.—The Rev. John Lindsay, Minister at Litchfield, in the Presbytery of Bathurst, died.

July 16th.—The Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, formerly Minister at Dundas and Ancaster, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Paisley, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

July 30th.—Mr. James Sieveright, B.A., Licentiate of the Church, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Melbourne, by the Presbytery of Quebec.

August 16th.—The Rev. William Bell, Minister of First Church, Perth, in the Presbytery of Bathurst, died in the fortieth year of his ministry.

August 19th.—The Rev. William Miller, formerly Ordained Missionary at South Ronaldsay, Scotland, and the Rev. William Mackee, from the Presbytery of Toronto, received as Missionaries, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

— The Rev. John B. Mowat, M.A., tendered demission of his charge at Niagara, to the Presbytery of Hamilton, in consequence of his having received an appointment to the Chair of Hebrew, Biblical Criticism, and Church History, in Queen's College.

September 2nd.—The Rev. John B. Mowat's demission of charge accepted, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

September 30th.—The Rev. Colin Grigor, formerly Minister at Guelph, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Plantagenet, by the Presbytery of Glengarry.

October 28th.—The Rev. William Miller, Missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery of Hamilton, transferred to Presbytery of London.

1857—November 3rd.—The Rev. John B. Mowat, M.A., formerly Minister at Niagara, admitted a member of the Presbytery of Kingston, in accordance with Act of Synod, 1842.

November 4th.—The Revds. James Herald, John Moffat, John Rannie, M.A., and James Paterson, Ordained Ministers from the Church of Scotland, received as Missionaries, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

November 8th.—Mr. Alexander Porter Marshall, Licentiate of the Church of Scotland, arrived at Kingston.

December 9th.—The Rev. William Miller, formerly Ordained Missionary at South Ronaldsay Scotland, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Stratford, by the Presbytery of London.

December 16th.—The Rev. Martin W. Livingston, from the Presbytery of Toronto, received as a Missionary, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

1858—January 13th.—The Rev. John Robb, Minister at Chatham, C.W., in consequence of ill health, tendered resignation of his charge to the Presbytery of London, and the Presbytery accepted thereof, subject to the approval of the Synod.

— The Rev. Robert G. McLaren, B.A., Ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, received as a Missionary, by the Presbytery of London.

January 20th.—The Rev. Thomas Scott's demission of charge at Williamsburgh accepted, by the Presbytery of Glengarry.

February 3rd.—Mr. Alexander P. Marshall, received as a Missionary, by the Presbytery of Kingston.

March 3rd.—The Rev. William Mackee, Ordained Missionary, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of West Gwillimbury and Innisfil, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

April 28th.—The Rev. John Davidson, formerly Minister at New Richmond, Presbytery of Quebec, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Williamsburgh, by the Presbytery of Glengarry.

May 5th.—Longueuil united to the charge of Laprairie, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

— The Rev. Thomas Haig's demission of charge at Beauharnois, in consequence of ill health, accepted by the Presbytery of Montreal, and he allowed six months' leave of absence from the bounds of the Presbytery.

May 19th.—The Rev. Martin W. Livingston, Ordained Missionary, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Simcoe, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

May 20th.—The Rev. James Herald, Ordained Missionary, transferred to the Presbytery of Hamilton, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

APPENDIX B.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS FOR 1858.

The Board of Managers of "The Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund," submit the following report of their transactions during the past year:—

It is with no little satisfaction the Board has to announce, that although the Annuities of Widows now on the Fund were last year considerably augmented, the anticipation expressed in last Annual Report of a continued increase to the permanent fund (investments) has been fully realised, and that the hope may be now confidently entertained, that in the course of two or three years a further augmentation may be made without any risk of encumbering the management or imperiling the success of the Scheme.

The Revenue for last year was, from interest on Investments,.	\$1600 62
Ministers' Contributions,.....	1126 20
Congregational Collections,	1657 82
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	\$4284 64

Paid to Annuitants,.....	\$1820 00
Incidental Expenses,.....	51 02
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	1871 02
Leaving to be added to Permanent Fund,.....	\$2413 62
Total amount at Credit of Fund 1857,.....	\$20404 92
Less Bonus,	34 00
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At Credit of Fund at this date,.....	\$22818 54
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It thus appears that only \$220 have been taken from this year's contributions, and added to the interest on investments to cover the year's expenditure.

Notwithstanding a Circular was sent forth from the Board to be read from the pulpit before making the annual collection, appealing to the liberality of congregations, the Board has to regret that the congregational collections have fallen short of those of last year \$398.10; or somewhat more than one-fifth. This deficiency, however, may be accounted for—not from any decreasing interest in the prosperity of the scheme—but from the recent monetary crisis, the influence of which extended to all the relations of public life. The Board doubts not, with reviving prosperity, a considerable increase will be made this year, to the collections in aid of this important scheme.

The increase from Ministers' contributions is \$54; but there being an increase to the number of Annuitants, it would be unwise to increase the payments from this branch of the fund in its present condition.

Congregations on the Roll of the Synod having Ministers who have not sent their contributions to the fund, are four, Nelson and Waterdown, Dr. Skinner; Arthur, John Whyte; Woodstock, James Stuart; Williams, Robert Stevenson.

Several Presbyteries have failed to report the Stations, within their bounds, where congregations have been duly organized, but are yet without Ministers. The Board is unable to state whether any Presbyteries have disregarded the injunction of the Synod, to take order, that collections shall be made in all vacant stations and congregations, and remitted to the Treasurer in due time.

Since last Report three widows have been added to the Roll of Annuitants, viz:—Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. M'Clatchey and Mrs. Wm. Bell. The number of Annuitants is eighteen, viz:—Mrs. Roach, Mrs. M'Gill, Mrs. Milligan, Mrs. Mair, Mrs. Purkis, Mrs. M'Lean, Mrs. Bryning, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Dickey, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Lambie, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. M'Laurin, Mrs. M'Clatchey, Mrs. Lindsay, and Mrs. Wm. Bell.

The Board has again to complain of the remissness of Presbyteries, with the exception of Bathurst and Glengarry, in not forwarding to the Secretary a statement of the date of the ordination or induction of Ministers now on the Roll of the Synod, or that may hereafter be admitted within one month thereafter, although it is understood that ordinations or inductions have taken place in every Presbytery, except Kingston and Montreal.

Also, of Ministers neglecting to send with their congregational collections a statement as near as can be ascertained, of the number of families who form the congregation. It is earnestly desired that the Synod shall enforce their injunctions in relation to the information which has been deemed essential to be in possession of the Board, in order to the faithful working out of the scheme.

In compliance with the direction of the Synod, the Board appointed a Committee of Correspondence with the Ministers of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with a view to ascertain whether it was their desire to co-operate with the Synod, and become participators of the benefits of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Scheme, and to take legal advice as to the feasibility of extending the benefits of the scheme to the Ministers of the Lower Provinces.

The Committee, having taken legal advice, reported, that in order to extend the provisions of the Charter of the Board, to parties not specially mentioned therein, it would require that the Charter be so modified as to include parties not specified therein, who desire to be contributors to the fund, and participators in its benefits; an alteration which the Committee were of opinion could be easily obtained. And, also, that it was desirable and expedient to have the provisions of the Act extended to the Ministers of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and recommend a union on some equitable basis, in so far as respects the Permanent Fund, hereafter to be determined on. Much clear and valuable information has been received on this matter from the Synod of New Brunswick; but, as no information has yet been received from the Synod of Nova Scotia, the Board has not matured

any measure that could be brought before this Synod for its consideration and approval, and would merely recommend that the negotiations on this matter be continued.

In virtue of the power vested in the Board, Joseph M. Ross was elected a member of the Board, in the room of Hew Ramsay, Esq., deceased, and crave the Synod to confirm the appointment.

There have been some points which have been suggested to the Board for consideration, on which it is desirable to hear the mind of the Synod, before adopting such By-Laws, as may tend to prevent future misapprehension or dispute.

1. When a Minister dies, leaving a widow, also leaving a family by a former wife, deceased, Is the annuity to be paid to the widow; or, is part to be paid to the children of the first marriage, and in what proportion?

2. Should a Minister, with the concurrence of the Ecclesiastical Courts, demit his charge and leave the bounds of the Synod, yet continuing to pay regularly to the Fund the yearly contributions to the Ministers' Department of the Fund—but the congregational collections ceasing in so far as relates to him,—shall, on his demise, his widow be entitled to receive from the Congregational Department, as well as from the Ministers' Department, an annuity in proportion to the congregational collections made by him during his incumbency,—according to the average it may bear from his induction to the whole years of his life; or, in what other proportion?

The investments, which consist of mortgages on fixed property and one railroad bond, are considered perfectly secure. The Board has exercised the greatest diligence and care to make the investments safe, as well as profitable.

The Treasurer's Account is herewith transmitted.

All which is humbly submitted.

ALEX. MATHIESON, D.D.,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

In submitting a statement of the money received and expended by the Treasurer during the past year, while it must be admitted that the same prosperity has not attended the Fund as in former years, it is, nevertheless, gratifying to observe that, notwithstanding a considerable decrease in some sources of revenue, and a largely increased expenditure in annuities, a sum of \$2,413.62 has been added to the capital of the Fund. Comparing the accounts of this year with the year before, it will be seen that there has been a decrease in the Congregational collections of \$398.10, which, it is hoped, may fairly be charged to the severe pressure in money matters felt every where during the year, and not to any want of interest in the scheme, or want of desire to help it on the part of the people. The Ministers' individual contributions have increased by \$54.

The annuities, owing to the working of the new scale, are increased by \$606.50, an increase which it is hoped the people will sustain. Nothing would gratify the Board more than to be able to move further in this direction. The following statement shows the transactions of the year:—

RECEIVED.

EXPENDED.

Expended in Annuities to Widows,.....	\$1820 00
" in Expenses of Management, Printing, Postage, &c.,	51 02
" in Investments bearing Interest,.....	2000 00
And there is in hand deposited in the Bank of Montreal,....	2136 53
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	\$6007 55

The Capital of the Fund consists of thirteen Mortgages, on which is lent a sum of,.....	\$19,808 00
And a Preferential Bond for,.....	606 00
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Shewing the Invested Capital to be,.....	\$20,414 00
To which add the Cash on hand,.....	2136 53
And Interest due, but not paid in,.....	268 00
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Shewing the total amount of the Fund to be,.....	\$22,818 53

Three Ministers have disregarded the injunction of Synod, and made no collection for the Fund during the past year. Of these, two are in the Presbytery of Hamilton, viz: Rev. John Skinner, D.D., Nelson and Waterdown; Rev. John Whyte, Arthur. One is in the Presbytery of London, viz: Rev. James Stuart, Woodstock.

Since the Books for the year were closed the collection from Quebec has been increased to \$80, and collections have been received from Rev. Robert Johnson, of Clarke, \$4; Rev. Robert Stevenson, of Williams, \$5, for 1857, and \$5 for 1858.

During the past year three Ministers have died, viz:—Rev. Wm. Bell, of Perth, the Rev. John Lindsay, of Litchfield, and the Rev. G. M'Clatchey. Each of these Ministers left a widow.

The number of widows now receiving annuities from the Fund is eighteen.

The following statement shews the sums collected in aid of the Fund from the different congregations within the bounds of the Synod:—

FOR 1857. -

Hemmingford.....	Per Rev. J. Merlin.....	\$ 6 80
Vaughan.....	Mr. W. R. Graham, Elder....	16 20
West Flamboro	Parochial Association.....	8 00
Guelph	Mr. D. Allan, Elder.....	12 00

FOR 1858.

St. Andrews, Montreal,	Dr. Mathieson	160 00
Brockville	Per Judge Malloch, Elder . . .	24 15
Valcartier	Per Rev. D. Shanks	7 00
Smith's Falls	" S. Mylne	9 00
Toronto	" Jno. Barclay, D.D.	80 00
Hamilton	" R. Burnet	66 00
Markham	" Jas. Gordon	12 00
Galt	" H. Gibson	12 00
Cornwall	" H. Urquhart, D. D.	30 00
Three Rivers,	" Geo. D. Ferguson	20 70
Pickering	" S. G. M'Caughey	12 00
Chatham, C. E.	" W. Mair	3 00
Grenville	" "	4 00
Hawkesbury	" "	10 00
London	Per Mr. M'Kenzie, Elder	8 00
Russeltown	Per Rev. F. P. Sym	12 00
L'Original,	Per Mr. Gavin Walker	8 00
Lachine	Per Rev. W. Simpson	36 00
Pakenham	" A. Mann	14 00
Saltfleet	" H. Niven	12 00
Perth	" W. Bain	16 00
Hemmingford	Per Dr. Verity, Elder	10 00
Dundee	Per Rev. J. Moffat	7 00
Fergus	Per Mr. A. D. Fordyce, Elder . . .	24 00
Huntingdon	Per Rev. A. Wallace	26 00
St. Louis de Gonzague	" J. T. Paul	5 60
Goderich	" A. M'Kid	19 75
Bayfield	" "	4 52
Ormstown	" J. Anderson	8 38
Dewitville	" "	2 62
Ramsay	" J. M'Morine	16 00
Darlington	" J. H. Mackerras	12 00
Newmarket	" J. Brown	13 50
Renfrew	" G. Thomson	13 70
Stirling	" A. Buchan	9 25
Cumberland	" P. Lindsay	17 00
Shakspeare	" W. Bell	4 28
Kingston	Per Mr. J. Mowat, Elder	84 00
King	Per Rev. Jno. Tawse	6 00
Pakenham, additional,	" A. Mann	1 00
Woolwich	" J. Thom	12 00
St. Pauls, Montreal	" W. Snodgrass	176 70
Beckwith	" W. M'Hutchison	14 00
Thorah	" D. Watson	24 00
Vaughan	" Vacant	8 80
Thurso	" A. Lewis	4 00
Hornby	" W. Barr	8 00
Nottawasaga	" J. Campbell	11 75
Brock, Reach, &c.	" John Campbell	13 60
Mulmur	" A. Colquhoun	4 00
Laprairie	" J. Rannie	6 00
Plantagenet	" C. Grigor	12 00
Lochiel	" D. M'Donald	37 00
Martintown	" P. M'Vicar	18 00
Indian Lands	" "	6 00
Beechridge	" J. M'Donald	7 00

FOR 1858.

Kitley	Per Rev. D. Evans	5 00
North Georgetown	" J. C. Muir.....	12 25
Lancaster	" Thos. M'Pherson..	12 12
Beauharnois	" Thos. Haig.....	12 00
Huntry	" J. Sinclair	12 00
Williamsburgh.....	" T. Scott	6 00
Osnabruk	" R. Dobie.....	12 00
Quebec	" J. Cook, D.D.....	16 20
Melbourne	" Jas. Sieveright ..	24 00
Richmond	" W. White	12 00
Seymour	" R. Neill.....	16 00
Williamstown	" P. Watson	20 00
Point Levi	" D. Anderson	12 00
Lanark	" Thos. Fraser	7 00
Ottawa	" A. Spence	40 00
New Richmond	" J. Davidson	12 00
Scarboro'	" J. Bain	24 00
Belleville	" A. Walker	26 95
Clifton	" Geo. Bell	8 00
Finch.....	" D. Monro	12 00
Scott & Uxbridge	" W. Cleland	12 00
Chatham, C. W.....	" Jno. Robb.....	10 00
Eldon	" Jno. M'Murchy....	20 00
Camden East.....	" Jas. Wightman, Tr.	4 00
Cote St. George	Per Jno. Craig, Elder.....	16 00
Chinguacousy	Per Rev. Thos. Johnson....	4 00
Westminster.....	" Jas. M'Ewen.....	8 00
North Dorchester	" Wm. M'Ewen.....	8 00
South Gower	" Joseph Anderson..	4 00
Guelph	Per Mr. D. Allan, Elder....	16 00
Dalhousie Mills	Mr. A. Cattanach, Elder ...	8 00

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Due regard has been paid to the economical working of the Fund, and a careful selection made of the securities on which money has been lent, all of which are believed to be perfectly safe.

The whole is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GREENSHIELDS,
Treasurer.

Montreal, May 15, 1858.

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit their Report, together with the Treasurer's Accounts, for the Synodical year just ended. They have received during the past year £108 9s. Of this sum

£85 12s. 9d. were for the year 1857, and £22 16s. 3d. for arrears for previous years. The arrears still due amount to £35. Of this £21 are due for the year 1857, and £14 for previous years. Thus the revenue for this year proper would have amounted to £106 12s. 9d., or more probably £108, had all the sums due for the year been paid up.

The arrears are due by 22 Sessions; of these 14 are in arrear for 1857, 1 for previous years, and 7 for both 1857 and the previous years. Of these 7 Sessions, five, viz., South Gower, Mulmur, Huntingdon, St. Louis, and Lancaster, have the same ministers under whom these sums became due; one (Williamsburgh) has a different minister, and one (Beauharnois) is without a minister. The congregation referred to as due for previous years, though not taxed for 1857 in consequence of its being without a minister, is Hemmingford.

The liabilities at present due by the Synod amount to £57 19s. 3d. To meet this the Treasurer has in hand £35 9s. 1d., leaving a balance of £22 10s. 2d. against the Synod. Were all the arrears paid up this debt could be wiped off, and £12 9s. 10d. remain to the credit of the Synod.

The estimated Expenditure for the present year amounts to £107 5s., divided as follows:—

Synod Clerk's Salary,.....	£50	0	0
Delegate's Expenses,.....	28	10	0
Church Officer's Allowance,	2	10	0
Printing,.....	25	0	0
Contingent Expenses,.....	1	5	0
	£107	5	0

To meet this sum the Committee respectfully recommend the Synod to rely for another year upon the same mode of raising contributions that has been practised for the past few years; that is, to render it compulsory on each Session to contribute a minimum sum of £1, and leave it optional to supplement this by such further sum as it may find itself able and disposed to give. Were the revenue of this year as large as that of the past year, and there is no known cause why it should not, it would suffice to meet the expenditure, and a small sum remain over as a balance in hand. The only other mode of raising the year's revenue that could be adopted is to devise such a scheme of assessment as shall fix upon each Session a sum proportioned to the number of members and the general ability of the congregation. Such a scheme, as might be free from strong objections, could not in present circumstances be devised, inasmuch as the Finance Committee have not sufficient acquaintance with the ability and numbers of each congregation so as to arrive at a just and equitable assessment. This difficulty may, however, be obviated in the future, should the proposed Committee be appointed at this meeting of Synod to gather statistics upon these points from the various sections of the Church. In the event of such a Committee's entering on operations, this mode of raising the income might be adopted in subsequent years, as the most just to each congregation and the most efficient for the end in view.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SYNOD FUND.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF THE SYNOD FUND,

Received from May 20th, 1857, to May 20th, 1858.

		£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.
PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.							
Clifton, per Rev. G. Bell,	1857	1	0	0			
Niagara, per Rev. J. B. Mowat,	1857	2	0	0			
Galt, per Rev. H. Gibson,	1857	1	5	0			
Fergus, per A. D. Fordyce, Elder,	1857	1	17	8			
Nelson, per Rev. Dr. Skinner,	1856-57	3	2	6			
Waterdown, per Rev. Dr. Skinner,	1857	1	10	0			
Saltfleet and Binbrook, per Rev. H. Niven, 1857		2	0	0			
Arthur, per Rev. J. Whyte,	1857	1	6	6			
Woolwich, per Rev. J. Thom,	1857	1	0	0			
Guelph, per David Allan, Elder,	1857	1	0	0	16	1	8
PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.							
Goderich, per J. Macdonald, Elder,	1857	1	5	10			
Bayfield, per Rev. A. Mackid,	1857	1	0	0			
N. Easthope, per Rev. W. Bell,	1857	1	0	0			
Chatham, per Rev. J. Robb,	1857	1	0	0			
Dorchester, per Rev. W. Macewen,	1856	1	0	0			
Westminster, per Rev. J. Macewen,	1856	1	0	0	6	5	10
PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.							
South Gower, per Rev. J. Anderson,	1856	1	0	0			
Pakenham, per Rev. A. Mann,	1857	1	0	0			
Lanark, per Rev. T. Fraser,	1857	1	0	0			
Perth, per Rev. W. Bain,	1857	1	10	0			
Ramsay, per Rev. J. Macmorine,	1857	1	0	0			
Ottawa, per Rev. A. Spence,	1857	2	0	0			
Smith's Falls, per Rev. S. Mylne, 1853-4-5-6-7		5	0	0			
Brockville, per Rev. D. Morrison,	1857	1	5	0			
Macnab and Horton, per Rev. G. Thomson, 1857		1	5	0			
Buckingham and Cumberland, per Rev.							
P. Lindsay,	1857	1	0	0			
Litchfield, per Rev. J. Lindsay,	1857	1	0	0			
Huntry, per Rev. J. Sinclair,	1857	1	0	0			
Beckwith, per Rev. W. Machutchison,	1857	1	0	0	19	0	0
PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.							
Kingston, per Rev. Dr. Machar,	1857	3	0	0			
Seymour, per Rev. R. Neill,	1857	1	5	0			
Belleville, per Rev. A. Walker,	1857	1	5	0			
Stirling, per Rev. A. Buchan,	1857	1	0	0	6	10	0
PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.							
Esquesing and Milton, per Rev. P. Ferguson,	1857	1	15	0			
King, per Rev. J. Tawse,	1857	1	0	0			
Chinguacousy, per Rev. T. Johnson,	1857	1	0	0			
Mono, per A. Skelton, Elder,	1857	1	0	0			
Eldon, per Rev. J. Macmurchy,	1857	1	0	0			
Toronto, per Rev. Dr. Barclay,	1857	4	5	0			
Clarke, per R. Johnson, Elder,	1857	1	0	0			
Hornby, per Rev. W. Barr,	1857	1	0	0			

		£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.
PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.							
Nottawasaga, per Rev. J. Campbell,.....	1857	1	0	0			
Thorah, per Rev. D. Watson,.....	1854-6	2	0	0			
Darlington, per Rev. J. H. Mackerras, ..	1857	1	5	0			
Mulmur, per Rev. A. Colquhoun,.....	1854	1	0	0			
Scott and Uxbridge, per Rev. W. Cleland, 1857		1	0	0			
Newmarket, per Rev. J. Brown,	1857	1	0	0			
Markham, per Rev. J. Gordon,	1857	1	0	0			
Scarboro', per Rev. J. Bain,	1857	1	10	0			
Pickering, per Rev. S. G. Maccaughay,..	1857	1	0	0			
Brock and Reach, per Rev. J. Campbell, 1857		1	0	0			
Vaughan, per D. Cameron, Elder,	1857	1	1	6	24	16	6
PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.							
Quebec, per Rev. Dr. Cook,.....	1857	2	0	0			
Valcartier, per Rev. D. Shanks,	1857	1	0	0			
Three Rivers, per Rev. G. D. Ferguson,..	1857	2	0	0	5	0	0
PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.							
Montreal, St. Andrew's, per Rev. Dr. Mathieson,	1857-58	6	0	0			
Ormstown, per Rev. J. Anderson,..	1853-4-5-6	3	10	0			
Georgetown, per Rev. J. Muir,	1856-7	2	0	0			
Lachine, per Rev. W. Simpson,	1855-6-7	3	0	0			
Huntingdon, per Rev. A. Wallace,	1855	1	0	0			
St. Louis, per Rev. J. Paul,.....	1853-4	2	0	0			
Beech Ridge, per Rev. J. Macdonald,..	1856-7	2	0	0			
Russeltown, per Rev. F. P. Sim,.....	1856-7	2	0	0			
Montreal, St. Paul's, per Rev. W. Snodgrass,.....	1857	3	0	0	24	10	0
PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.							
Cornwall, per Rev. Dr. Urquhart,	1857	1	5	0			
Osnabruck, per W. Croil, Elder,	1857	1	0	0			
Williamstown, per Rev. P. Watson,.....	1857	1	0	0			
Martintown, per Rev. P. Macvicar,.....	1857	1	0	0			
Lochiel, per Rev. D. Macdonald,.....	1857	1	0	0			
L'Orignal, per Rev. W. Johnson,	1857	1	0	0	6	5	0
Total amount received,.....					£108	9	0

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid to Dr. George, as payment of expenses to Lower Provinces during Summer of 1856,..	21	10	0
Cash paid to Dr. Mathieson, as payment of expenses to and from L'Orignal, in charge of Synod Chest,.....	2	16	6
Synod Clerk's Salary, in part payment of.....	32	10	0
Church Officer for attendance on Synod,	2	10	0
Cash paid Thompson & Co., balance of account for Printing,.....	27	0	0
Cash paid John Lovell, part payment of account for Printing,.....	20	0	0
Total Amount Disbursed,.....		47	0
Balance on hand,			0
		£106	6
		2	2
		£108	9

ASSETS.

Balance on hand from Receipts of 1857,.....	2	2	6		
Balance on hand from previous year,.....	33	6	7	34	9 1
				£35	9 1

LIABILITIES.

Due to John Lovell, balance of account for Printing,	45	9	6		
Due to Thompson & Co., for printing and binding blank Receipt-Book,	1	3	9	46	13 3
Due Synod Clerk, balance of Salary for 1857,....	7	10	0		
Due Central Committee on Church Property for expenses incurred by them,.....	3	16	0	11	6 0
				£57	19 3

LIST OF ARREARS DUE TO SYNOD FUND UP TO MAY 20, 1858.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.	£	S.	D.	£	S.	D.
Dundas & Ancaster, Rev. K. MacLennan, 1857	1	0	0			
Hamilton, Rev. Robt. Burnet,.....1857	1	0	0	2	0	0
PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.						
Dorchester, Rev. W. MacEwen,.....1857	1	0	0			
Woodstock, Rev. J. Stuart,1857	1	0	0			
Westminster, Rev. J. MacEwen,1857	1	0	0			
Williams, Rev. R. Stevenson,1857	1	0	0	4	0	0
PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.						
South Gower, Rev. J. Anderson,1854-57	1	10	0			
Kitley, Rev. J. Evans,1857	1	0	0	2	10	0
PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.						
Camden, Rev. W. E. Mackay,.....1857	1	0	0	1	0	0
PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.						
Mulmur, Rev. A. Colquhoun,1855-6-7	3	0	0			
Thorah, Rev. D. Watson,.....1857	1	0	0	4	0	0
PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.						
New Richmond, Rev. J. Davidson,.....1857	1	0	0			
Point Levi, Rev. D. Anderson,.....1857	1	0	0	2	0	0
PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.						
Chatham, Rev. W. Mair,.....1857	1	0	0			
Ormstown, Rev. J. Anderson,.....1857	1	0	0			
Huntingdon, Rev. A. Wallace,1856-57	2	0	0			
St. Louis, Rev. J. Paul,.....1855-6-7	3	0	0			
Beauharnois, Rev. T. Haig,.....1854-6-7	3	0	0			
Hemmingford, Rev. J. Merlin,1854-5-6	3	0	0	13	0	0
PRESBYTERY OF GLENMORY.						
Lancaster, Rev. T. Macpherson,.....1854-6-7	3	0	0			
Finch, Rev. D. Monroe,1857	1	0	0			
Williamsburgh, Rev. T. Scott,.....1854-6-7	2	10	0	6	10	0
				£35	0	0

Total amount of arrears,

All which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN CAMERON, *Treasurer.*

The following sums have been received since the Treasurer's accounts were made up :—

Finch,	1857	£1	0	0
Lancaster,	1854-6	2	0	0
Williamstown,	1857	1	0	0
Kitley,	1857	1	0	0
Georgetown,	1854	1	0	0
Dundas,	1857	1	0	0
Chatham, C. E.,	1857	1	0	0

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Jewish and Foreign Missions beg leave to report :—

1st. As to a Missionary : That, after the rising of the Synod, they gave their anxious attention to the important duty of securing a suitable Missionary to enter upon the work designed to be undertaken by the Synod, but for a time without success. At length, by a singular chain of circumstances, one was brought under their notice, whom, after a careful inquiry, they had confidence in provisionally engaging; and have much satisfaction in stating that he is, in their opinion, eminently qualified for the position of a Missionary to the Jews. The gentleman in question is the Rev. Ephraim M. Epstein, a Licentiate of the Old School Presbytery of New York, and, as his name indicates, an Israelite by descent. Mr. Epstein has for years been preparing himself for the duties of a Missionary to his kinsmen after the flesh, and his hopes have tended to Palestine as the field in which he should be employed. In pursuance of this design he has, since the completion of his Theological course, pursued the study of Medicine for two years; so that he will combine the Ministerial with the Medical capacities. This latter qualification is one of no slight importance, and will gain him access to many quarters which would be otherwise closed to him. Mr. Epstein is highly educated in the lore of the Jews, and well acquainted with all the characteristics of the Jewish mind. He has been highly recommended to the Committee by the Rev. Dr. Schaufler of Constantinople, the eminent Jewish Missionary; by Dr. Thomson of New York, who speaks for himself and his brethren of the Presbytery in high terms of his acquirements, character, fitness for Mission work, and piety; by Dr. Potts of New York, his present pastor, who speaks in equally strong terms in his favour; and by Dr. Chickerling, of Portland.

He is also known to James Court, Esq., Elder of the Free Church, Montreal, who brought him under the notice of the Committee, and to Dr. Edmondson of Brockville, who testified in his favour.

After obtaining so satisfactory an issue to their inquiries,—conducted, too, without the knowledge of Mr. Epstein,—the Committee entered into correspondence with, and eventually invited, Mr. Epstein to visit Montreal during the meeting of this Synod. They learn that he will require to study 16 months longer to entitle him to the

degree of Dr. in Medicine. They accordingly proposed to him that he should take advantage of Queen's College for that purpose, and after next Synod go forth as a Missionary from this Synod; proposals which were satisfactory to him. They also propose that, with the sanction of the Synod, the Committee should be permitted to authorize him to visit such congregations as should be willing to receive him, and by addresses at Missionary meetings or otherwise, interest our people in the work of the Mission, and thus contribute to its eventual success. The Committee have acted with much caution and deliberation, and with an anxious desire successfully to accomplish the important duty entrusted to them; and they regard it as a providential circumstance, that a man offering so many advantages,—an accomplished linguist, a Presbyterian Minister, and the possessor of Medical knowledge,—should have been brought under their notice.

They trust that the steps they have taken may be overruled for good; and have every confidence, that, if the work in which the Synod has engaged be the Lord's, he will bless and prosper it.

2nd. The Committee have secondly to report, with regard to funds, that they have entire faith that sufficient means will be placed at their disposal. The Synod of New Brunswick at its last meeting adopted a resolution cordially endorsing the step taken by the Synod in deciding on the institution of this Mission; and, as an earnest of their sincerity and zeal, £24 has already been received from that Province. The Synod of Nova Scotia also adopted a resolution commending it to the sympathies of their congregations. Copies of the Resolutions of these Synods are appended to this Report.

There is in the Savings Bank of the Bank of Montreal £342 8s. 5d. cy., being the result of Dr. Aiton's collections, bearing interest at 4 per cent., and £89 11s. 8d. collected apart from his effort, which, together with £14 2s. 9d. for interest to the 31st Dec. last, is, in all, \$1664.58, besides a sum of £40 17s. 6d. in the hands of Mr. Mowat of Kingston.

Dr. Aiton holds also in Scotland a sum of £170 cy. or upwards for the purposes of the Mission, so that financially the Mission is in an excellent position. This latter sum, it may be remarked, was deposited in the Western Bank of Scotland, but was, by the exertions of Dr. Aiton, obtained in full from that institution on its failure, and deposited elsewhere.

3rd. With regard to the field, the Synod having already decided on Jerusalem, and that field having been concurred in by the Synod of New Brunswick, the Committee abstain from entering into the question as to whether that or some other station in Palestine is the most favourable position or not for entering upon a Mission to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. As a year will elapse before the Missionary of the Synod is ready to go forth, there will be ample time to consider that question maturely, and to make such inquiries as will enable the Synod to take a thorough and practical view of the matter at next session. Meanwhile, the Committee commend the whole subject to the consideration and the prayers of the Church. They trust that many of the congregations will, by liberal contributions, evince their interest in this promising effort, and that the good of the Church of our Lord and Master will be promoted by it.

The whole respectfully submitted.

ROBERT BURNET, *Conv.*

APPENDIX E.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

To the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The Central Committee on Church Property beg leave to report:—

That up to last meeting of Synod, Reports had been received embracing information relative to their Church Property, from in all 53 congregations, and the result of the inquiries of the Committee entered in the Ledger opened for the purpose.

A Report had also been received from the congregation of New Market, but which was omitted to be acknowledged in last Report.

Since the last Annual Report, answers to the questions issued by the Committee have been received from the following additional congregations, viz:—

Vaughan, Beckwith, Woodstock, Russeltown.

So that in all, returns have been received from 58 congregations possessed of property of the aggregate value of £46265.

Of the four congregations last reported three have Manses and Glebes, and the combined value of their Churches and Glebes is £3300 cy.

Eventually either through the agency of the existing Committee or by some other means, the Church will no doubt obtain an accurate view of the whole of the property owned by its various congregations, and such information cannot fail to prove valuable. The Committee conceive that it is highly desirable that such information should be in the possession of the Church.

The Committee have again had brought under their notice several instances in which farm and other land deeded by the Crown or by benevolent donors to Trustees on behalf of the Church with which we are connected, is held by individuals who have taken possession of it, and are, as one of our informants specifies in a particular instance, “wasting the land and the timber on it,” “because there is no body of Trustees in existence to meet the requirements of the Patent.”

In the course of their inquiries during the past three years, the Committee have been strongly impressed with the defects in the laws regulating the holding of Church Property, by our own and certain other bodies in Eastern and Western Canada on behalf of congregations of these bodies.

In Western Canada by virtue of a succession of Acts amending and extending the original law entitled, “An Act for the Relief of the Religious Societies therein mentioned,” which was passed in 1828, land for the purposes of Church uses, is authorized to be helden on behalf of any religious congregation or society of Presbyterians, Lutherans, Methodists, Independents, and certain others, by Trustees, to whom and *to their successors to be appointed in such manner as shall be specified in the deed*, the land requisite for all or any of the purposes may be conveyed, and such Trustees and their successors in perpetual succession by the name expressed in the deed shall be capable of taking, holding, and possessing such land.

In Lower Canada an analogous Act is in force. The ordinance on

this subject, the 2nd Vic. cap. 26, enables the various religious societies of all denominations of Christians to hold as proprietors thereof, ground for the site of Churches, dwelling houses of Ministers, burial ground, &c., by the instrumentality of Trustees *to whom and to whose successors to be appointed in the manner set forth in the deed* of grant, concession, or conveyance, the land necessary for each of such purposes may be conveyed, and such Trustees and their successors forever, by the name by which they and the congregation on whose behalf they act shall be designated in such grant, concession or conveyance, shall be capable of acquiring, and holding, and possessing land so acquired. Under both laws, registration, in Upper Canada within one year, in Lower Canada within two years, from such acquisition is prescribed by the act as a condition obligatory.

It will thus be seen that in both sections of the Province the laws in question are akin in spirit and similar in the character of their provisions.

The leading principles of both laws are correct, though in practice they are defective in securing the objects sought to be secured. These laws recognize what the Committee believe to be the correct method of holding all Church properties, viz: by the intervention of "Trustees appointed" by the congregations. The Committee believe that this principle is susceptible of still farther extension with benefit to the congregations and the Church which they compose.

The Acts only give the appointment in the first instance to the congregation, and then leave the deeds to prescribe the mode in which the succession shall be perpetuated. This has opened the door to much confusion and trouble. In Lower Canada many deeds came under the notice of the Committee in which there was no provision whatever for the election or appointment of successors to the original Trustees. In Upper Canada similar cases have come under their notice, one of which was a Patent from the Crown. In other cases the deeds prescribed the mode of appointment, but the Trustees and the congregations have neglected to obey or give effect to the provisions. To remedy in some measure this evil, the Committee prepared an Act applying to Lower Canada, which was adopted by the Legislature, and has now expired. Two congregations before the meeting of last Synod, and one since have under its provisions healed defects in their deeds and been rescued from a state of hopeless embarrassment. In all the three the congregations would but for this Act have been without Trustees and without any mode of legally obtaining them.

Moreover there has been no uniformity of practice in either Upper or Lower Canada as to the mode in which congregations hold their property. The Synod some years ago considered the subject, and had they then acted upon the suggestion of a legal dignitary, then and still a member of this Court, much difficulty would have been obviated.

The Committee have felt constrained by the importance of the subject, and by the knowledge of the inconveniences arising from the defective state of the law, or perhaps to speak more properly, from laxness in carrying out its provisions, which their researches have laid open to them, to bring this subject under the consideration of the Synod.

In doing so, they also feel bound to say that in their opinion, the interests of our body and that of other Christians similarly situated,

would be promoted by a modification of the laws, providing that both in Upper and Lower Canada in all cases of vacancy of any Trust or in cases of the death, removal, or resignation of any Trustee of Church Property, the vacancy should be filled by a Trustee or Trustees elected by the members of the congregation, and that the Trustees should hold the same for the original purpose for which the Trust was constituted.

This provision would be simple and intelligible, would create uniformity of practice, and would be in every way advantageous.

The Committee, while submitting their views and recognizing the right of the congregations to elect their Trustees, not only at first but in all time coming, are also most clearly of opinion, that it is right and proper that the Church itself, should have the right to interpose a check upon the alienation of real property by the individual congregations. It is true, that the property belongs to the congregation, having been given or acquired to secure the administration of the ordinances of the Gospel to that congregation, but nevertheless the Church as a whole is interested in seeing that that property is applied to its legitimate purpose, and is not wasted, or dissipated, or alienated, to meet some temporary difficulty, and thus deprive future generations of the boon, some benevolent and God-fearing donor had designed to secure for them.

The Committee think that the Legislature wisely provided, eighteen years ago, that the Synod of our and the other Presbyterian bodies, and the Conference of the Wesleyans should have the right of vetoing the sale of Church Property. The united body can take a calmer and more dispassionate view of the circumstances of each case, than an individual congregation under the pressure of some temporary exigency. The law as it stood worked well, and referring to their last year's Report the Committee still think that the Synod, or as has been suggested, a Court of laymen nominated by the Synod, are in every way a more suitable body to exercise the right of assent or veto to the sale of Church Property than the Court of Chancery, which now has a right to exercise that power, as well as the Synod, the acts on the subject conflicting with each other as was explained last year.

In conclusion, the Committee conceive that the views they have enunciated are consistent with the Presbyterian order and polity of this Church, and would promote harmonious working in the various congregations, and conduce to the advantage of the whole Church. Should the Synod approve of them, it will be for the Synod to take such action in the matter as may be deemed expedient.

The Committee only further submit that as the Synod are about to take steps to secure statistical returns from all the congregations of the Church annually on various important subjects, including that of Church Property, the Committee request that they may be released from their responsible duties, and the tabular view of the property of the Church, which they have commenced, may be completed under the supervision of the Committee on Statistics to be named at this meeting of Synod.

The whole respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER MORRIS,
Chairman.
JOHN GREENSHIELDS,
Secretary.

Montreal, May, 1858.

APPENDIX F.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Synod's Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report, that, in January last, they entered upon the discharge of their duties by sending to each Kirk Session a Circular, of which the following is a copy :—

HAMILTON, January, 1858.

To the Kirk Session of _____.

The Synod's Committee on Sabbath Schools earnestly request your attention to the accompanying Schedule, and anxiously look for such returns as it may be in your power to give.

They are deeply impressed with the importance of the efficient working of our Sabbath Schools, to the well-being of the Church, and desire to urge upon Kirk Sessions and Superintendents the recommendations of the Synod in their recent deliverance on overtures, to promote the extension and efficiency of Sabbath Schools.

The primary object in view is to obtain statistical information for the use of the Synod—to afford the Committee an opportunity of reporting their diligence in this matter, and of preparing a digest to be laid before the Synod at its next annual meeting. The ulterior object is comprehensive in its character.

It is contemplated to forward the organization of Sabbath School Societies in individual congregations, for the mutual benefit of the Teachers, and for the establishment of district Schools; to bring Superintendents into correspondence on local and general interests; to devise some general scheme of lessons; to render the working of our Sabbath Schools more systematic than they have hitherto been; to further the missionary effort which has already been made with so much success in the Orphanage Scheme; to unite our Sabbath Schools in a movement for the employing of a missionary to establish Schools in destitute localities, and to give an impetus to the general circulation of *The Juvenile Presbyterian*.

The results contemplated can only be accomplished by strenuous and united action. Each in his sphere must perform his allotted duty. The Synod confidently anticipates the cordial co-operation of all the members of our Church in this laudable enterprise; the Committee humbly trust that the Almighty will own and bless this beginning of systematic effort on the part of the Church "to care for the lambs of the flock," and to "train them up in the way in which they should go."

The Committee request that you will forward the statistics before the 1st of March, that the report may be prepared in time for the meeting of Synod.

Craving your prayers on behalf of an object in itself so deeply important, and involving consequences of highest interest to the Church,—trusting that it will receive your countenance and aid,—in name and by appointment of the Committee,

I remain,

Yours truly,

ROBERT BURNET,
Convener.

To this Circular the Committee have only received thirty-three replies, while from so large a number as seventy-two places to which Circulars were sent no replies have been received.

It is much to be regretted that the Circular issued by your Committee has not generally been responded to, as one great object to be attained by this movement, namely, the obtaining of correct statistical information of the state of the Sabbath Schools of our Church, has thereby been defeated. It shews also a want of interest in the work of improving and rendering our Sabbath Schools more efficient; a work which your Committee believe to be of vital importance to the future well-being of our Church in this country.

The accompanying digest has been prepared by your Committee, in accordance with the deliverance of the Synod at its last meeting, from the answers to the circulars issued by the Committee.

In consequence of the limited number of answers received, and the fact apparent from many of those answers, namely, that a correct register of the attendance of scholars and teachers, has not been generally kept in schools, your Committee cannot with any degree of certainty report the numbers of scholars and teachers, or the average attendance of either.

Of those schools from which returns have been received, six were established in 1857; one—that of Point St. Charles—so late as December of that year. Of the remainder, where schools have been established for a longer period, twelve report that they are in a prosperous condition—in all, except one, showing an increase; two report a slight decrease; and four are reported as stationary.

Of the twelve suffering from any cause, several are from bad roads, and the distance of the children from school, which prevents regularity of attendance in country localities. One suffers from "want of female teachers and more life"; two others from lack of teachers; one from "want of ministerial visitation"; one from the fluctuating nature of the population; and one in consequence of the non-attendance of the children of the wealthier families.

Nearly all the schools have libraries, selected chiefly from the publications of the London Tract Society and the American Sabbath School Union.

Many of the Schools distribute *The Juvenile Presbyterian*, and some the Child's and Children's Papers; five schools report that they distribute no serials—one of these, because the children are Germans and do not understand the English language sufficiently. Two schools distribute occasionally; and some answer in the affirmative, without stating what serials are distributed.

There is a great want of uniformity in the exercises. In all the schools, however, besides prayer on opening and closing, and singing psalms or hymns, portions of Scripture are read and explained, or the children questioned thereon. The Shorter Catechism, some verses of a metre-psalm, paraphrase or hymn, and generally a few verses from the Bible, are committed to memory. Published Schemes of lessons are used in five schools; of these, three, viz., St. Andrew's Church (Hamilton), Portsmouth (Kingston), and Pointe St. Charles (Montreal), use the scheme of lessons prepared by the Edinburgh Sabbath School Union; one, St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, uses a printed scheme, prepared by the Superintendent partly from the Edinburgh scheme; and one, that of St. Andrew's Church, L'Orignal, the scheme of lessons lately published in *The Juvenile Presbyterian*.

Two schools have quarterly and two have monthly examinations

of the children in the lessons gone over during the preceding period. Two report that they hold weekly examinations; but it is presumed that these are merely examinations by the Superintendent on the lessons of the day, not the periodical examinations on past lessons intended to be ascertained by your Committee.

It is gratifying to observe that nearly all the schools do something for Missions; many support orphans in India, or contribute to their support; and several also contribute to the Canadian School at Calcutta. Six report that they do nothing for Missions; and one or two do not report at all.

Ten schools report that teachers' meetings are held—three of them occasionally; one, three or four times a year; five hold monthly meetings for conference on the affairs of the school and for prayer; and two hold weekly meetings for devotional exercises and preparation of lessons for the Sabbath.

Four congregations have Mission Schools in addition to the Congregational Schools, namely: St. Andrew's Church at Hamilton; St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Churches, Montreal, at Pointe St. Charles; and St. Andrew's Church, Portsmouth.

There is evidently a want of *systematic* effort on the part of our Church in the working of our Sabbath Schools, which, in the opinion of your Committee, seriously impairs their usefulness. In order to remedy this defect and to render our Sabbath Schools more efficient, so as to be productive of greater good to the "lams of the flock," your Committee have, after much earnest and prayerful consideration, determined to make the following recommendations to the Synod:—

They recommend, in the first place, that Superintendents and Teachers of Sabbath Schools be enjoined to keep proper statistics of their schools and classes—having in each school a roll of scholars and teachers—and carefully noting the attendance on each Sabbath both of teachers and scholars, so that the average attendance could be ascertained.

They would also recommend that the teachers, whenever practicable, be organized into a Society, and hold regular periodical meetings for conference on the affairs of the school and devotional exercises, and also for the purpose of going over the lessons together. These meetings, wherever they are held, have been found to be productive of much good, by increasing the zeal and activity of the teachers, and thereby inducing better preparation for their own duties on the Sabbath; more regular visitation of the children and their families; and, as a consequence, a better attendance and increased interest on the part of the scholars. Where weekly meetings for the preparation of the lessons can be held, the Committee suggest that the teachers be formed into a Bible Class under the care and superintendance of the Minister of the congregation.

And, in order to introduce a uniform system in all the schools, the Committee recommend that a scheme of lessons be prepared and published by a committee under the authority of the Synod, and that all Superintendents and Teachers of schools be enjoined to make use of the scheme so prepared. Such a scheme should, in the opinion of your Committee, contain two classes of lessons—one for the senior and the other for the junior classes; and until the publication of such a scheme of lessons, the Committee recommend the

use of the scheme published by the Edinburgh Sabbath School Union.

The Committee further recommend that great care be taken in the selection of libraries for Sabbath Schools, and that the classified libraries published by the American Sabbath School Union be not taken without careful selection, as they consider many of the publications found in Sabbath School libraries highly objectionable. They also recommend the distribution in all schools of *The Juvenile Presbyterian*.

And, lastly, your Committee recommend that a Pastoral Letter or Address from the Synod be read in all the Churches in this Province, as soon as may be after the issuing of the same, in which members of the Church, and particularly those whom God has blessed with Scriptural knowledge and the gift of communicating the same, be enjoined to make use of the talents God has given to them, so that they be neither barren nor unprofitable servants, but on the contrary may be enabled to render their account with joy; and urging upon parents the duty and importance of sending their children to the Sabbath School, as a means of bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The number of scholars attending those schools from which reports have been received is 2215; and the average attendance is , being per cent of the whole.

St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Kingston, has the largest number of scholars on the Roll, the number being 230. St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, and St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, rank next, the numbers being 146 each; and next to these St. Andrew's Church Mission School, Hamilton, has the greatest number, 140 being on the roll. The smallest school is that of Cumberland, the number being 25. The school at Chatham, C. E., report the largest attendance, all on the roll being regular in their attendance. Of the others the average attendance is—in Dundee, 94 per cent; St. Andrew's, Montreal, 80 per cent.; St. Andrew's, Kingston, 78 per cent.; Hamilton St. Andrew's, 73; Hamilton Mission School, 70; Martintown, 69; St. Paul's, Montreal, 68; Brockville, 81; Cornwall, 84; Galt, 83; St. John's, Hamilton, 85; Portsmouth, 73; Lochiel, 70; Pointe St. Charles, 65; Perth, 61; Woodstock, 67; Fergus, 59; Buckingham, 57; Clifton, 54; Cumberland, 60; Scott, 75; Three Rivers, 77.

SCHOOLS.	AVERAGE PER CENT.	SCHOOLS.	AVERAGE PER CENT.
Chatham,	100	Hamilton Mission,	70
Dundee,	94	Lochiel,	70
St. John's, Hamilton,	85	Martintown,	69
St. Andrew's, Cornwall,	84	St. Paul's, Montreal,	68
Galt,	83	Woodstock,	67
Brockville,	81	Pointe St. Charles,	65
St. Andrew's, Montreal,	80	Perth,	61
St. Andrew's, Kingston,	78	Cumberland,	60
Three Rivers,	77	Fergus,	59
Scott,	75	Buckingham,	57
Portsmouth, Kingston,	73	Clifton,	54
St. Andrew's, Hamilton,	73		

Implicit reliance, however, cannot be placed on these statistics of attendance, for many of the returns give the average attendance as *about* the number stated; while in other schools, where the roll is carefully kept, the attendance, though apparently less, may in reality be larger than where no roll is kept and the average attendance guessed at. The small average attendance at the school at Clifton is accounted for by the statement that a number of the scholars are taken off the streets, and their attendance is irregular—the attendance of the congregational children being very much better. Two schools give the average attendance without giving the numbers on the roll, and two schools give only the total number without giving the average attendance; these schools cannot, therefore, be classified with the others.

The average attendance of teachers cannot be given with any degree of certainty. Very few of the schools seem to note their attendance; the answers generally being that they attend regularly. Ten schools thus report.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT BURNET,
Convener.

APPENDIX G.

REPORT ON THE NATURE AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

To the Rev. the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Your Committee appointed to inquire into the nature and powers of the Commission of Synod, beg leave to report as follows:—

That their inquiries have been confined to the practice and instructions of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in the Annual appointment of their Commission, *that* being the only Ecclesiastical Court after which your Commission is appointed and modelled. The Report now submitted amounts to very little more than a statement of the nature and powers of the Commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, applied as far as appears to be practicable to your Commission.

The Synod has power to determine who shall be members of Commission, and none can sit as members of Commission, but such as are appointed by the Synod. Following the present practice of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, in so far as the Constitution of our Synod permits that practice to be followed, the Commission should consist of all the members of the Synod by which it is appointed, and of such members only. According to this arrangement the roll of the Synod is the roll of the Commission. This appears to be in strict accordance with constitutional principles, since it is only a regular Annual Meeting of the Synod that can make alterations on the Synod Roll. The Commission only acts for the Synod to which it is responsible, but if it can determine changes in the Synod Roll, it thereby may assume full Synodical powers, it may alter the membership of the Court from which it derives its exist-

ence. Moreover it appears to your Committee to be worthy of special recommendation as in itself right, that those only who are members of the Synod should be members of the Commission, while it is scarcely conceivable that any hardships can be occasioned by a strict adherence to this principle, for no one is a member of our highest Court until that Court declare him to be so, and therefore there is no interference with the rights and privileges of membership until these are conferred.

The Synod determines how many shall be a quorum of the Commission, and your Committee recommend that it be at least nine, of whom five must be ministers.

The Synod appoints their Commissioners to meet at certain stated Diets, and empowers them to meet oftener when and where they may think fit and convenient. According to "Hill's view of the Constitution," a Commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is legally constituted when a quorum of the Commissioners finding themselves assembled in any place, proceed to choose a Moderator. It would, however, be unwise for your Synod to sanction the whole extent of the practice which this statement allows, because since all the members of Synod are members of Commission, and since the quorum of Commissioners is necessarily small, it might lead to the holding of separate and independent meetings of Commission and serious collision in procedure might result. Your Committee recommend that no meeting of Commission be allowed besides the stated meetings appointed by the Synod, except when it is held by a regular adjournment from one of the stated meetings, or called by a circular addressed to the Commissioner by the Moderator of the last Annual Meeting of Synod preceding, or, in the event of his absence or removal, by the next previous Moderator on the Roll of Synod and present in the Province.

Commissioners have power to choose their own Moderator and Clerk, and finally to determine as they shall see cause in every matter referred to them by the Synod.

Your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the principles and practice expressed in the following sentences, which are copied from "Hill's Practice," with only such verbal alterations as our position renders unavoidable:—

No private process can be determined except at one of the stated Diets, and what is determined at one Diet of the Commission, with relation to private causes, cannot be altered at any other Diet thereof, but stands and continues in force till disapproved of by the Synod.

If the sentences of Commissioners are not obtempered by Presbyteries, they cannot execute the same themselves, by appointing correspondent meetings of the Commission; but must allow them to lie over to the ensuing Synod to which such Presbyteries are answerable for their conduct in regard to the sentences of the Commission.

Protests for liberty to complain against these sentences may be taken by the parties before the Commission; but these protests are not held as a sufficient reason to justify disobedience to the sentences of the Commission on the part of the inferior Courts.

The proceedings of the Commission are required to be faithfully recorded and submitted to the review of the next Annual Meeting of Synod, which attests the Commission Record if approved of, or

reverses the sentences of the Commission, and finds those who concurred in them censurable, if it shall appear that they have exceeded their powers; that is, have either meddled in any other matters than what were committed to them, or acted contrary to the Acts and Constitution of the Church, or to the prejudice thereof.

The Committee further recommend that a list of instructions similar to those contained in Act VI., Ass. 1717, be drawn up for the guidance of the Commissioners, and would call special attention to Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14 of that Act.

All which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

ALEX. MATHIESON,
Convenor.

APPENDIX H.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE FORMATION OF A GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Unto the Rev. the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The Committee of Synod appointed to take into consideration the subject of the formation of a General Assembly of our Church in British North America beg leave to report.

Your Committee having met, agreed to enter into correspondence with the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick on the matter submitted for consideration, and craved their views on the following topics:—

1. Is it desirable that the several Synods of the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland in British North America, be formed into a General Assembly?

2. If desirable is it practicable?

3. If desirable and practicable should all Ministers and representative Elders be Members of the Assembly, or should that Court be composed of Representatives only of the several Presbyteries within the bounds of the respective Synods, that are now or may hereafter be formed?

Answers being received, your Committee reviewing their own deliberations on the subject, and comparing the conclusions at which they had arrived with the information they had received, found that a remarkable uniformity of opinion prevailed on all the points of inquiry. Yet they have to regret that they are unable to present any definite scheme for the consideration or adoption of the Synod. The views which they venture to submit are rather suggestive of subjects that deserve further discussion and mature deliberations than principles to be acted on; but which it is hoped will direct further investigation and tend to promote the accomplishment of a scheme so important.

There is but one opinion as to the desirableness of the object. The advantages that would result from its accomplishment are so numerous and of such importance that your Committee would feel constrained earnestly to advise the immediate formation of a General Assembly, were it not that some difficulties stand in the way—diffi-

culties that are not insurmountable, and which the daily increasing facilities of intercourse will soon diminish and ultimately remove.

Gathering into one body the scattered members of our Church and binding them not only by a common faith, discipline and government, but also by common sympathies and united exertions for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, is essential to the great object for which a church was instituted ; and there cannot be a doubt that the formation of a General Assembly would greatly promote these objects. Matters for adjudication or advice passing through the inferior courts would come up before such a body in a form riper for judgment and more likely to obtain a clear, consistent, and equitable decision. Much time now lost in settling minor matters of form and order would be saved. The acts and deliberations of such a body would carry much greater weight than those of small and detached Synods. The benefits arising from increased and a wider extended intercourse would be very great. Uniformity of procedure and enlarged means of usefulness would be promoted. While fresh vigour would be infused into the Churches generally, and all bound more closely and firmly together—the great end for which they were instituted would be more successfully attained.

Is the measure contemplated practicable ? The obstacles which stand in the way are chiefly the expense of travelling and the want of direct communication—obstacles which are rapidly giving way. With the prospects of improvement that are opening up, the difficulties of intercourse between the remotest points of the present bounds of the Synods proposed to be formed into a General Assembly, it is conceived, will not be greater than existed in Scotland at the time of the Reformation. The existing differences in the conditions of the several parties may present to some minds great obstacles to a desirable and complete union. Such, for example, as the Widows' Fund and the partial endowment of your Synod ; while the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are as yet without the benefits resulting from such institutions. It is to be hoped that from the negotiations entered on between the Board of Managers of the Widows' Fund and these Synods, such arrangements may be made that the Ministers may be permitted to participate in the benefits of the Widows' and Orphans' Scheme, on such an equitable basis as may be determined on hereafter. The obstacle arising from partial endowment is such as must exist in every Church having fixed benefices and that is extending her bounds ; and the discrepancy that would exist is perhaps not greater than what now occurs in the Parent Church between the Parochial and Quoad Sacra charges. The voluntary principle must be called into action in relation to all ; while the benefits arising from partial endowments may be a stimulus for the individual exertion and encouragement of others in securing for themselves similar advantages. Your Committee are of opinion that it would neither be expedient nor equitable that the benefits of the Temporalities Fund be participated by the Ministers of the Lower Provinces, even could they be legally extended beyond Canada.

In present circumstances, your Committee are of opinion that the General Assembly should be composed of all Ministers and Representative Elders, leaving it afterwards to be determined by the Assembly itself what the nature of the constitution shall be.

In taking a conjunct view of the whole matter, the obstacles to

the formation of a General Assembly appear to your Committee to be chiefly in the way of including the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the arrangement, while the advantages are so numerous and important as to render the adoption of the measure exceedingly desirable. Your Committee are, therefore, of opinion that it would tend to facilitate the accomplishment of the contemplated object were the Synod to instruct a Committee to frame such measures as they may think to be practicable for the formation of a General Assembly in Canada, and to report to next meeting of Synod —leaving it to the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to fall in with the scheme whenever they considered it practicable and advantageous, and on such a basis as may be mutually agreed on.

Your Committee merely report progress. If it be the pleasure of the Synod to continue their investigations on the subject, they recommend that a Committee be appointed composed of such members as may be fittest for the work, with such instructions as they may deem necessary.

All which is humbly submitted.

ALEX. MATHIESON,
Convener.

APPENDIX J.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE,

Unto the Rev. The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance have little to report in connection with this subject during the past year.

The unscriptural views entertained by many, in high places, in reference to the divine institution and gracious design of the Sabbath, and the painful extent to which God's holy day continues to be desecrated throughout the land, publicly and privately, by all classes, may well fill the heart of the Christian and of the patriot with sorrow and alarm; while they surely, loudly and affectingly appeal to all who have faith in the declarations of God's word, to bestir themselves, and endeavour to rescue the Sabbath from the wide-spread desecration which now marks it.

Of every prevailing sin it may with truth be said, it averts many blessings, social and civil, as well as religious, from us, and brings many evils upon us; and more especially and emphatically still may this be affirmed of the sin of desecrating that day which God, influenced not more by respect to His own glory than by a wise and gracious regard to the best temporal as well as spiritual interests of men, has, by a special propriety, reserved for Himself, and which He authoritatively commands men of all ranks, employments, ages and climes, to remember to keep holy—not doing their own ways, nor finding their own pleasure, nor speaking their own words.

The desecration of the Sabbath is not only a sin in itself most dishonouring to God, but it is, in addition, sure evidence of the commission, by those guilty of it, of manifold other offences against God's

word and ordinances, and it is the fruitful source of many such offences.

Your Committee regard this sin as a sure indication of a general disregard of the authority of God's word on the part of those guilty of it, in all their aims and principles of action; and serving, as this sin does, to render God's word and ordinances of none effect, its prevalence must prevent us from attaining to that righteousness which exalteth a nation, while it proclaims that even now there is among us that sin which God's word declares to be the reproach of any people, and which must issue in their ruin.

With these views and feelings on the subject, the Committee would suggest to this Court the propriety of anew inculcating upon all the ministers within the Church, the duty of impressing upon their people from the pulpit and otherwise, the paramount importance of the religious observance of the Sabbath, as required by God's Word, whether regard be had to the spiritual interests of individuals, or to the general morality, good order and prosperity of the country at large.

They would also recommend that as a Bill is now before the Legislature having for its object the abolition of labor on the Sabbath in the public works and departments of the Province under Government, the Synod, as the Supreme Judicatory of the Church, and as representing the views and wishes of all its congregations in this matter, should adopt and immediately forward to the several branches of the Legislature, a Petition in favor of this measure.

The Committee would further suggest to the Synod the propriety of bringing under the notice of the Directors of the several Railroads and Steamboat Companies, by memorial or otherwise, the great power possessed by them in the Providence of God, by the proper regulation and conduct of their business, to contribute to the proper observance of the Sabbath, and to the interests of morality and religion in general, and to urge upon them the solemn responsibility under which they are placed, to employ this power accordingly.

Little immediate benefit may result from this step, yet the Committee conceives that the Church will but perform the duty which it owes to its great Head and to the country, in declaring to these bodies, its conviction in the premises.

All of which, however, is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Committee.

WM. BAIN,
Convener.

APPENDIX K.

REPORT OF THE FRENCH MISSION COMMITTEE.

To the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Your Committee on the French Mission Scheme beg leave to report as follows:—

In the report which was last year submitted to the Synod, it was stated that Mr. Prosper L. Leger was engaged for the summer as a

Catechist, and stationed at Sorel. Mr. Leger fulfilled his engagement, and his letters to the Committee shew considerable diligence and perseverance. He held meetings regularly on Sabbath, and intimated services in French from time to time, but these were seldom attended by French residents, so that the services were for the most part conducted in English. He also sought to visit some of the French families, but found access to only a few. During the first part of his engagement his reports were somewhat encouraging, but towards the close of the summer their tone grew desponding as to the prospects of ultimate success. Your Committee hope that his labours have not been altogether in vain, although they cannot point to anything indicative of positive or permanent results.

Your Committee have during the past year held communication, both by letter and personal interview, with Mr. Baridon, who is engaged in what seems to be an interesting and promising field in the vicinity of the boundary line between this Province and the neighboring States, about 50 miles distant from Montreal. He is well known to the Church, having been formerly employed in connection with this mission. He is energetic and persevering, and is possessed of considerable talent and tact. From the correspondence your Committee have had with him they see reason to maintain a good opinion of his qualifications for the work. As the field in which he is employed may be regarded as a good centre for operations, the following particulars are submitted regarding it. Mr. Baridon officiates in six different places, namely, Champlain, Chazy, Centreville, Mooer's Junction, Perry's Mills, and Sciota. At the two last mentioned places he preaches every Sabbath turn by turn, as he considers them the most important of his stations. In a letter recently received he informs your Committee that his flock consists of sixty French Canadian families, all Protestants, though once belonging to the Church of Rome. Having received ordination from the Old School Presbytery of Champlain, he performs to this people all the duties of the pastoral office, and as they are generally very poor he receives from them little, if any, pecuniary support, and he is obliged to maintain himself and family by manual labour during the week. Mr. Baridon is very willing to be employed by your Committee if they could enable him to devote his whole time to the work, and while the Committee could scarcely venture to remove him from his present field, and from his people in whose welfare temporal and spiritual he appears to take a lively interest, they desire to call attention to that field as presenting a hopeful sphere from which operations might be extended to the French Canadians resident in Canada; and as Mr. Baridon's connection with the Presbytery which ordained him is only nominal, it appears to be worthy of consideration whether or not his services might be rendered available in prosecuting the mission. He has made a successful commencement, and if he were properly supported, and if one or two missionaries were sent to his aid, the mission might be greatly revived and strengthened.

Mr. Caron, who is at present employed as a teacher of French in Kingston, has also been brought under the notice of your Committee, and has expressed his willingness to be engaged for the mission. Several communications have been received, speaking of him in very favorable terms, both before and since he went to Kingston, from

parties who have had good opportunities of observing his character and qualifications. He has been specially recommended by Prof. Weir of Queen's College, Kingston, and his former pastor in France, now a minister in the metropolis of England. The information your Committee have received of Mr. Caron, is such as to convey to them a very satisfactory opinion of his fitness for the work of the mission.

Your Committee would now submit a brief statement of the vastness of the field which lies before the zealous missionary and the friends of this important cause. According to the last census, taken in 1851, there are in Lower Canada 669528, and in Upper Canada 26417 French Canadians, all belonging to the Church of Rome with very few exceptions. The agencies at work are few and feeble when compared with the clamant necessities of the case. The French Canadian Missionary Society established nineteen years ago is supported by the combined efforts of a number of the Protestant Churches. It maintains one Institute for girls and another for boys at Pointe aux Trembles. There and at other stations the number of scholars taught during the last year is 200. Twelve stations are occupied by the Society and thirty labourers are employed, evangelizing, teaching, and colporteuring. The Grand Ligne Mission established in 1836, and connected with the Baptist denomination, employed in 1856 five ordained ministers, three Scripture readers, and three colporteurs, and their schools were attended by 125 scholars. The Sabrevois Mission, established a few years ago and conducted by the Church of England, has a Church and school, with a minister at Sabrevois, and a training school at St. Johns. It is aided by Ladies' Associations in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The Wesleyan denomination recently entered upon the work, the station at Milton with a missionary there, both a short time ago in connection with our Church, having formed the nucleus of their mission. They have now two or three other labourers besides Mr. Charbonelle.

While these various Societies are striving to do what they can, and while their reports give encouragement for the prosecution of the work, the Synod will perceive that the existing agencies are very few in such a field. Assuredly it is not from want of room that we are prevented from carrying on an active and widespread organization; and your Committee submit that the intimate social relationship between the French Canadian population and the Protestant portion of the community presents a strong reason and an urgent call for immediate and anxious exertion.

In making these statements, your Committee have one object chiefly in view—to show that something might have been done, inasmuch as a hopeful opening has presented itself at a point central and easy of access, inasmuch as there are laborers, well recommended, who might be employed, and inasmuch as the field is one of vast extent, and suggestive of the most serious responsibilities.

Wherefore then has nothing been done? Because your Committee have not been put in possession of means sufficient to warrant them in doing anything. At last meeting of Synod they received new encouragement and were inspired with new hope. Steps were taken to urge the claims of the mission upon the Church. A few congregations and friends responded as liberally as could be expected, but they were only a few, and when the expenses incurred by

Mr. Leger's engagement, and a small grant voted to Mr. Baridon eighteen months ago were paid, the funds received from this and other sources were at the beginning of this year exhausted. The Treasurer's account shows that at this moment there is on hand the small sum of \$134 47. Your Committee have been greatly disappointed and discouraged, and while they declare their willingness to do all in their power, and have but one opinion as to the importance of the present duty which is left undone, they must now throw upon the Synod the entire responsibility of the existence and maintenance of the mission, taking this opportunity of again reminding the Synod that they have repeatedly declared and recorded their sense of the urgent necessity of prosecuting it.

If the Synod should determine to continue the mission, if mission it can be called in its present state, your Committee would respectfully recommend a different mode of appointing the Committee of Management. At present the Presbytery of Montreal is the Committee. This Court cannot conveniently hold more than four regular meetings in the year, and the amount of Presbyterial business to be performed is so great that the interests of the mission, even should means be provided for conducting it, cannot meet with the attention they require. It is true that the Presbytery of Montreal appointed a sub-Committee within the last eighteen months, specially charged with the duty of carrying on the mission. But while this plan may secure a greater attention to the details of the mission, it does not diminish but rather increases the demand upon the time and consideration of the Presbytery, as the sub-Committee must feel themselves bound to report their proceedings to that Court for deliberation and approval. Besides, a separate and independent Committee composed of members of several Presbyteries would probably be more likely to sustain throughout the Church that interest which is essential to the very existence of the mission. The appointment of such a Committee is therefore earnestly recommended, and it is further suggested that much advantage might result from the formation of Corresponding and Auxiliary Committees.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. SNODGRASS,
Convenor, Sub-Committee.

APPENDIX K; FRENCH MISSION.

The French Mission Fund in Account Current with Treasurer.

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ARCHIBALD FERGUSON, *Treasurer.*

By Balance brought down,

Montreal 25th May 1858

APPENDIX L.

Third Annual Report of the Juvenile Mission and Indian Orphanage Scheme of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

During the third year of its existence this most interesting Scheme has made great progress, both in the Missionary spirit manifested by the youth of our Church, and also in the amount of contributions as shown by the annexed financial statement.

At the close of last financial year the balance in Treasurer's

hands was £ 1 0 7

Since then there has been contributed—

For the support of Orphans in India, 100 0 0

To present Orphans with Bibles and books, .. 3 10 0

For the Canadian School at Calcutta, 32 0 0

£136 10 7

Deduct Remittance to Edinburgh, £132 17 10

“ Expenses, Indian Postages, &c., 3 11 1

136 8 11

Balance in Treasurer's hands, 31st March, 1858, £ 0 1 8

The amount collected for year ending April, 1856, £ 30 2 6

“ “ “ April, 1857, 100 15 0

“ “ “ April, 1858, 136 10 7

Total receipts to 31st March, 1858, (currency), £267 8 1

In addition to the Financial Statement, a list is also annexed of the Orphans supported by Schools and individuals, together with those which have been applied for.

The Orphanages being connected with the Scottish Ladies' Association for Female Education in India, under the superintendance of the General Assembly's Committee, the last annual Report of this Association is herewith submitted.

It is no mere figure of speech to say that during the past year the eyes of the civilized world have been fixed upon India, and no events in modern history have awakened more heartfelt sympathy among Christian nations than the tales of horror, of bloodshed, and of savage cruelty which have reached us from that distant land. Last year dawned upon our Indian possessions in a state of imagined security and profound peace, the Rulers slumbering over the fires of anarchy and rebellion which were about to burst forth with devastating fury. Before six months had passed away the army, which was the boast of our Indian Government, had been metamorphosed into a fiendish horde of destroyers; station after station had been made a scene of massacre, and hundreds of our fellow-countrymen, with their unoffending wives and families had been put to death amid circumstances of unheard-of barbarity. Nor were the mission stations spared. In Northern India few of these escaped, and eleven

missionaries, including one from our own Church, were numbered among the slain. Truly in that land the Gospel seed has been sown in tears ; but, if the blood of the martyrs has in former ages been made the seed of the Church, we may look for a glorious harvest after such a dark night of weeping.

In these days of universal information among young and old, events such as have taken place in India could not escape the attention even of the youngest in our Sabbath Schools, and deep has been the interest which they have manifested. To this increased interest, under the Divine blessing, may in part be attributed the enlargement of the Scheme, and its extension among the schools during the year. But, while thus out of evil good has been made to arise in Canada, missionary operations in India have been sadly retarded—nay, in many instances arrested altogether. Great cause have we for thankfulness to Him who can cause the wrath of men to praise Him, that the hand of the ruthless destroyer has been averted from the schools connected with the scheme. Calcutta, at one time, was in imminent danger ; human strength could not have arrested the storm which was ready to burst upon that city ; and Miss Hebron, in some of her interesting letters from the Orphanage, wrote of the awful state of suspense which existed for some weeks. An Almighty hand was their protector, and the dark clouds were made to pass away.

The chief difficulty now experienced is the impossibility of appropriating orphans to the schools and individuals who have applied for them while such a state of matters exists. No less than eighteen applications are thus unanswered, the schools in most instances waiting with great patience until their desire can be satisfied by the appropriation of an orphan. It is hoped that ere long tranquility will be restored, and the supply be again found equal to the demand.

Among the orphans actually on the list are many of great promise, and of whom deeply interesting reports have been received from time to time, and published in *The Juvenile Presbyterian*. These girls are generally rescued from the cruel destruction to which the fanatical zeal of their parents had devoted them, or from a life of infamy as attendants at the horrid temple rites. Brought into the Orphanages before their minds have been debased, the girls are placed in circumstances of comfort, and enjoy the unspeakable advantages of Christian education. What a change is this for the long degraded females of India ! After a few years of such training most of them become either the wives of native catechists, or teachers and mistresses in our schools, and thus snatched as brands from the burning, they become instrumental in turning many of the perishing heathen from darkness to light. Many interesting cases might be described among the orphans supported by our schools, but full details are beyond the limits of this report. One however may be noticed, who is a mistress in a Marathi school at Bombay, and supported by St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Montreal. In Miss Hebron's Report for January, 1858, there occurs the following passage :—

“ It is pleasant and delightful to inform you about Chundrie, she is getting on remarkably well, both with her studies and needle-work, and she is now able to give assistance in instructing others.”

An entirely new feature has been given to this scheme by the

opening at Calcutta, in one of the suburbs inhabited chiefly by families of Mahomedans, of a school to be supported entirely by contributions from Canada and the Lower Provinces, and which is to be designated the Canadian School. For this purpose "Peggie," one of the girls trained in the Orphanage, and her husband, an excellent native catechist, have been set apart, and it is believed that the school is now in active operation. On 3rd April, the sum of £25 12s. stg. was remitted as the first year's allowance for this school, and also the sum of £5 stg., being a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, for the purchase of books and other necessary apparatus. To this object contributions are now earnestly solicited, especially from schools who may not be able to afford the sum required for the support of an orphan, or who may not wish to remain longer on the list of applicants, and also from individuals.

Many little tokens of interest are now passing between the children in Canada and their dark sisters in distant India. Some of them are exchanging letters, little presents are being sent, and one school now rejoices in the possession of a photographic likeness of their protégé at Madras. Such manifestations of sympathy and interest are not to be despised, especially among the young. They serve to cement the bonds of union, and to exemplify the great command, "Love one another."

During the past year we have had to acknowledge the hearty co-operation of our friends in the Lower Provinces, ever ready to support any scheme of Christian usefulness. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick orphans are applied for, and the respective Synods have adopted the mission and commended it to their schools. Thus are the bonds being strengthened which unite our churches in British North America.

Deeply encouraging are the evidences of that strong interest which is felt in the scheme among the young. In many instances have the contributions been given as the fruit of self-denial by those who have carefully saved their little store of money for this purpose. If the mite of the widow met with our Lord's approval, may he not also follow with a blessing the child who places in the mission-box all that he has. In one instance a dear girl, now we trust with her Saviour, called her monitor to her bedside just before her eyes were closed in death, drew from under her pillow a gold dollar, and placed it in his hands for the orphans in India. Such was her dying testimony to the interest she had felt in our juvenile mission.

Thus are we finding that a double blessing follows missionary effort. It is seen in India where the scheme is now yielding good fruit. It may also be traced among the youthful members of our Church, and of her Sabbath Schools. A new generation is thus being trained in the exercise of Christian liberality to fill the places of those who are daily summoned to depart. The heart whose tender emotions have been awakened in childhood to the claims of the Gospel will rarely be found indifferent to those claims in riper years. "Feed my lambs," was our Divine Master's charge, and delightful has the work been found by all who have earnestly engaged in it.

The Treasurer cannot close this important Report without expressing his renewed obligations to *The Juvenile Presbyterian*, the organ of the mission, and its earliest friend. Without the aid of this ad-

mirable little paper the scheme could not be carried on, and by the advocacy which it affords the operations are constantly aided.

That the Great Shepherd may continue to watch over the youth of our Church, and may own and bless this humble effort to enlist their hearts in the work of extending His kingdom is the earnest prayer of the supporters of the Juvenile Mission and Indian Orphanage Scheme, the Report of which is humbly submitted.

JOHN PATON,
Treasurer to the Synod.

Kingston, C. W., February, 1858.

Amounts received on account of the Orphanage Scheme and Juvenile Mission for the year ending 31st March, 1858.

APPENDIX L; INDIAN ORPHANAGE SCHEME.

BY WHOM PAID.	PLACE.	ORPHAN'S NAME.	ORPHANAGE.	SUPPORT OF PRE- SENT ORPHANS.	AS A PRE- SENT CANADIAN SCHOOL.
St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School,.....	CANADA	CONTRIBUTIONS.			
Montreal,.....		Bombay,.....	£ 4 0	0	
Do,.....		Do,.....	4 0	0	£ 7 10 0
Do,.....		Calcutta,.....*	4 0	0	0 10 0
Do,.....		Bombay,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Caroline Smith,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Canadian School,.....	4 0	0	
Quebec,.....		Margaret Ghomes,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Canadian School,.....	4 0	0	
Kingston,.....		Ester Munro,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Hannah Tooney,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Ruth Iona,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Canadian School,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		M. Esprunge,.....	4 0	0	
Hamilton,.....		M. Hamilton,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Ruth Toronto,.....	4 0	0	
Toronto,.....		S. C. Bain,.....	4 0	0	
Perth,.....		Canadian School,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		A. de Suga,.....	0 10 0	0	3 0 0
Niagara,.....		Canadian School,.....	0 10 0	0	
Do,.....		Pakenham,.....	0 10 0	0	
Do,.....		Scarboro,.....	0 10 0	0	
Ditto,.....		M. T. Scarborough,.....	4 0	0	
Ditto,.....		Do,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Margaret Bain,.....	4 0	0	
Belleville,.....		Canadian School,.....	4 0	0	
Lanark,.....		J. Fraser,.....	4 0	0	
Fergus,.....		E. Ferguson,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Canadian School,.....	4 0	0	
L'Original,.....		M. J. L'Original,.....	4 0	0	
Cornwall,.....		Canadian School,.....	4 0	0	
Martintown,.....		J. McVicar,.....	4 0	0	
Ottawa,.....		Canadian School,.....	4 0	0	
Brockville,.....		M. A. Stuart,.....	4 0	0	
Pakenham,.....		Canadian School,.....	4 0	0	
Whitby,.....		E. S. Dow,.....	4 0	0	
Montreal,.....		Canadian School,.....	4 0	0	
Perth,.....		Do,.....	4 0	0	
Kingston,.....		Do,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Do,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Do,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		SCOTIA,.....	4 0	0	
Halifax,.....		E. S. Halifax,.....	4 0	0	
Pictou,.....		CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NOVA SCOTIA,.....*	4 0	0	
Rev. Mr. Herdman's School,.....		NS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK,.....*	4 0	0	
Do,.....		M. Davidson,.....	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Janet Brooke,.....*	4 0	0	
Fredericton,.....		EDWARD ISLAND,.....*	4 0	0	
Do,.....		T. Duncan,.....*	4 0	0	
Do,.....		Charlottetown,.....*	£23 10 0	0	£23 10 0
St. Matthew's Church Sabbath School,.....		Total, £135 10 0.			
Rev. Mr. Herdman's School,.....					
Church Sabbath School, New Richmond,.....					
Church Sabbath School,.....					
St. James' Church Sabbath School,.....					
					JOHN PATON, <i>Treasurer to the Synod.</i>

* Orphans not yet appropriated.

KINGSTON, 20th May, 1858.

List of Orphans in India, supported and applied for, in connection with the Orphanage Scheme and Juvenile Mission.

BY WHOM SUPPORTED.	PLACE.	NAME OF ORPHAN.	ORPHANAGE.
1. St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School,.....	Kingston,.....	Esther Munno,.....	Calcutta.
2. Do. do,.....	Do,.....	Hannah Tooley,.....	Do.
3. Do. do,.....	(Portsmouth) Do,.....	Ruth Iona,.....	Do.
4. Do. do,.....	Toronto,.....	Ruth Toronto,.....	Madras.
5. Do. do,.....	Fergus,.....	Elizabeth Fergus,.....	Do.
6. Do. do,.....	Niagara,.....	Anno de Suga,.....	Bombay.
7. Do. do,.....	Hamilton,.....	Mary Esprunse,.....	Do.
8. A. Lady,.....	Perth,.....	Elizabeth S. Dow,.....	*
9. St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School,.....	Montreal,.....	Sarah C. Bain,.....	Madras.
10. St. Paul's Church Sabbath School,.....	Lochiel,.....	Caroline Smith,.....	Bombay.
11. Church Sabbath School,.....	Scarboro,.....	Alma Macdonald,.....	*
12. Do. do,.....	Do,.....	Mary T. Scarboro,.....	*
13. Do. do,.....	Quebec,.....	Margaret Bain,.....	Bombay.
14. St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School,.....	Brockville,.....	Margaret Ghones,.....	Do.
15. St. John's do,.....	Hamilton,.....	Johanna de Suga,.....	Calcutta.
15. St. Andrew's do,.....	Montreal,.....	Mary Hamilton,.....	Bombay.
17. Do. do,.....	Do,.....	Bébé de Suga,.....	*
18. Do. do,.....	Markham,.....	Chandrie, (Moultress),.....	*
19. Congregation, Crosby Corners,.....	Perth,.....	Sarah Markham,.....	*
20. Mrs. (Rev.) Wm. Croft,.....	Ottawa,.....	Mary Amanda Bell,.....	*
21. St. Andrew's Church Congregation,.....	Prince Edward Island,.....	E. S. Ottawa,.....	*
22. Sabbath School, Charlottetown,.....	Lachine, C. E.,.....	Susannah Durham,.....	*
23. Congregation and Sabbath School,.....	Halifax, N. S.,.....	Mary A. Simpson,.....	*
24. St. Matthew's Church Sabbath School,.....	Charlottetown, P. E. I.,.....	E. S. Halifax,.....	*
25. St. James' Church Sabbath School,.....	Gaspé,.....	Thomasina Duncan,.....	*
26. Sabbath School, New Richmond,.....	Montreal,.....	Mary Davidson,.....	*
27. St. Paul's Church Sabbath School,.....	Fredericton, N. B.,.....	C. M. Gibson,.....	*
28. Sabbath School (Dr. Brooke's),.....	Martintown,.....	Janet Brooks,.....	*
29. Church Sabbath School,.....	Lanark,.....	Jeanie McVicar,.....	*
30. Do. do,.....	Pictou, N. S.,.....	Jennette Fraser,.....	*
31. Do. do,.....	L'Orignal,.....	Mary Johnson L'Original,.....	*
32. Do. do,.....	Aulsville,.....		*
33. Do. do,.....			*

* Applicants to whom orphans have not yet been appropriated.

The names of the orphans are recorded above as on 31st March, 1858.

JOHN PATON, *Treasurer to the Synod.*

APPENDIX M.

ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, beg leave to express to Your Majesty our sincere and unabated attachment to Your Majesty's person and government.

We deeply deplore the misfortune which has befallen Your Majesty's empire by the wicked revolt of a portion of Your Majesty's Indian army, and the cruel suffering, loss of life, and injury sustained by Your Majesty's European subjects residing in India; and the loss sustained by the Church of Christ in the death of many zealous and efficient Missionaries and Ministers of the Gospel. While we have thus much to deplore in the past, we sincerely rejoice in the success which is now attending Your Majesty's forces in the suppression of that revolt, and we pray God, that He may continue to prosper Your Majesty's arms, until the blessings of peace be again restored to that country, and especially that these disturbances may be so overruled by the Almighty Governor of all things as to consolidate the strength and secure the permanence of Your Majesty's Indian Empire, and to promote the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom in that large portion of Your Majesty's dominions.

We congratulate Your Majesty on the marriage of Your august daughter, and rejoice in the prospect she has of happiness in the honorable estate into which she has entered; and we trust that thereby a more intimate union may be effected between two great Protestant nations of Europe, which will conduce to the advancement of their mutual interests.

We thank God that He has cast our lot in a land where we enjoy all the blessings of civil and religious liberty under Your Majesty's rule; and while it is our chief aim and object to advance the cause of Christ in this land, and to promote the spiritual welfare of the people under our charge, it is and shall ever be our endeavour to inculcate, as we have opportunity, sentiments of loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty's person, family, and government.

That God may continue to pour out in rich abundance His blessings upon Your Majesty, Your Royal Consort, and the members of Your Majesty's family, and especially that He would bestow that happiness which cometh down from above, and which the world can neither give nor take away, is our fervent prayer.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, at Montreal, this First Day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight years, by

GEORGE BELL,
Moderator.

APPENDIX N.

ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVEROR GENERAL.

*To His Excellency, Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet,
Governor General of British North America. &c., &c., &c.*

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now assembled in Synod in the city of Montreal, take this opportunity of approaching Your Excellency to express our earnest hope that your administration of the Government of this important Province of the British Empire may conduce to the promotion of its best interests, and to the maintenance and strengthening of those feelings of reciprocal attachment and respect which ought to subsist between a Colony and the Parent State, and that you may experience comfort and satisfaction in the discharge of your responsible duties.

As Ministers of the Gospel, and office-bearers in one of the branches of the Christian Church, it is our duty as it also affords us much pleasure to endeavour to cultivate and promote a due respect for the authorities under whose governance our lot has been cast, while we shall ever earnestly strive by every means in our power to promote the spread of pure and undefiled religion in this Province.

We are anxious to afford the ministration of the Word and the ordinances of the Gospel to those especially who adhere to our form of Church Government, and who, by immigration and otherwise, are contributing to augment the population of this rising country; and our best efforts are directed by the efficient maintenance of the University of Queen's College at Kingston, in its literary and theological departments to secure the blessings of a thoroughly educated ministry to our own adherents, and to furnish to all classes of the Province the means of obtaining for the rising generation such intellectual training and instruction in the higher branches of secular education as may fit them for the important duties which will devolve upon them in after life.

Tendering to Your Excellency our respect for yourself and the high office you are called to fill, and also conveying to Your Excellency the assurance of an attachment to the person of our estimable and beloved Sovereign, and our loyalty to Her Throne, we earnestly pray that your counsels may be so guided and directed by wisdom from on high as to promote the welfare of this country, and to secure its advancement in its moral and religious as well as material interests, and that after an honorable, useful and happy life on earth, Your Excellency may be advanced to the bliss and glory of the heavenly inheritance.

And with Your Excellency's permission we now present to You a loyal and dutiful Address to Her Gracious Majesty which we request you to be pleased to lay at the foot of the Throne.

Signed in name, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, at Montreal, the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, by

GEORGE BELL,
Moderator.

APPENDIX O.

REPORT ON STATISTICS.

The Presbytery of Montreal, to whom the Synod last year remitted two Overtures on Statistics, beg leave to report on the subject as follows:—

They have taken the matter into their careful and serious consideration, and are unanimously of opinion that with proper management it would tend greatly to advance the interests of our Church, if the Synod required an annual return to be made of such facts as would show, in so far as statistics are capable of showing, the state and operations of each congregation under its jurisdiction. The following occur to the Presbytery as some of the principal advantages to be derived from this measure.

The Synod would be put in possession of the knowledge which, as a court of review, it ought to have, of the condition of the whole Church. It could proceed with greater confidence in the framing of legislative enactments. It would be in a position to commend whatever is praiseworthy in existing congregational arrangements; to detect abuses when they arise; to suggest amendments and the manner in which they might be effected. A judicious selection of statistics would supply the grounds on which a system, as nearly uniform as present circumstances will permit, might be based for the effective carrying out of our Presbyterian form of government, and for the calling forth and directing of congregational and individual effort in the accomplishment of purposes, whether of a more local or more general character and bearing. By the prosecution of this measure each congregation would become acquainted with the state of every other congregation, and in this way such Christian feelings as a knowledge of the circumstances in which others are placed is calculated to excite, might be brought into profitable operation. Congregations that are behind might be stimulated to imitate the example of those that are more advanced, while to every prayerful and benevolent member of our Church there would be furnished details that would give point and fervency to his supplications at the throne of grace, and that would be useful in determining the extent and direction of his liberality. The possession of statistics for reference would be valuable, and the annual compilation of them would enable our Church to expose immediately and effectively any injurious misrepresentations of our strength, such as were made in the Census of 1851. In fine, it is believed that, whether as supplying information for present use and action, or as preserving it in a form easily accessible for future reference and comparison, a report of the state of the Church, presented annually to the Synod, would awaken a most salutary interest throughout the Church, and would lead to many beneficial results.

In prosecuting a measure of this kind, the Presbytery are persuaded that the simpler the arrangements the better; and in those they now submit they have endeavored to preserve the character of simplicity, as far as they could consistently with utility.

They propose that two sheets of blank returns be issued, one to consist of matters of a more spiritual kind, and to be filled up by Kirk Sessions ; the other to comprise matters of a more temporal character, and to be filled up by Boards of Managers. Two such sheets accompany this report, affording space for the insertion of a statement of all the facts which the Presbytery consider of sufficient importance to be annually submitted to the Synod. There is also herewith submitted a specimen sheet of columns, with appropriate headings, in which it is proposed to insert the principal matters that can be conveniently exhibited at one view. This, when filled up, they recommend to be appended annually to the printed copy of the Synod Minutes.

The Presbytery advise the appointment of a small committee of members residing near one another, so that they may meet when necessary with as little trouble and expense as possible. This committee might be known as "The Synod's Committee on Statistics." It is proposed that it shall be the duty of this Committee to issue annually printed copies of the blank returns, sending three of each to every Kirk Session, so that returns may be received from every church separately, even when more than one church constitute a single charge. It is recommended that these returns be issued a few weeks before the date at which they are returnable to the aforesaid Committee, and that the date at which they be made returnable be as marked in the forms herewith submitted, namely, the 1st day of April, so that the Committee may have sufficient time to make a digest of them before the meeting of Synod.

Accompanying these blank returns a short circular might be issued advertizing to such matters as may require special attention or explanation. If the proposed returns be approved of by the Synod, they will contain much useful information which cannot be easily exhibited in the general columned sheet. Information of this kind the Committee might embody in a very interesting and useful report, which should contain, besides this information, references to such matters as might be considered necessary to receive the attention of the Synod, even though they appear in the columns of the general sheet. All which is respectfully submitted.

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